

Proposed New Tree Preservation Order No: 523 (2013)

Site: Land to the rear of nos. 25-47 Hazelmount Drive, Warton

Location of Trees: A total of x 1 Area of trees, established on Network Rail land

Assessment:

I have assessed trees established on land to the rear of the above properties, in relation to their suitability and the appropriateness of serving with a Tree Preservation Order.

The land and trees in question are under the control and ownership of Network Rail. The trees form an extensive linear belt of mainly deciduous trees to the rear of the above properties. Concerns have been expressed to the Council that some trees have been recently removed and damaged with a detrimental affect on amenity, in the affected areas. There are fears that further tree removals/damage may occur.

The trees provide important greening and screening between the railway land and the private residential properties and can be seen from the public domain. They are also an important resource for arrange of wildlife communities with the potential to provide habitat and foraging opportunities for protected species including nesting birds and bats.

The trees in question have been identified as a single area of trees – **A1**. Trees further to the east and again established on Network Rail land were made the subject of TP no.407 (2007), in the past for similar reasons.

The amenity value of the trees has been assessed using a Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO). TEMPO Assessment Score: 14 – TPO defensible.

Decision: To serve Tree Preservation Order no.523 (2013) under sections 198 and 203 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, in the interests of public amenity; affecting x1 Area of trees.

The trees in question have important amenity value and have become significant landscape features, many are important their cohesive qualities. They make an important contribution to the amenity and character of their immediate vicinity and wider locality. They are also an important resource for wildlife.

Any tree works must be undertaken by a suitably competent, trained and experienced arborist and in line with BS 3998 (2010) Tree works – recommendations. Written agreement with the local planning authority must be obtained prior to undertaking any works to protected trees.

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Grounds	In the interest of amenity

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