



Committee: APPEALS COMMITTEE

Date: WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2006

Venue: LANCASTER TOWN HALL

Time: 10.00 A.M.

A G E N D A

Members: Please note that there will be a site visit commencing at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 13th December 2006, at rear of Nos. 14, 13 and 12 Church Bank, Over Kellet, prior to commencement of the Appeals Committee.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November 2006 (previously circulated)**
3. **Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chairman**
4. **Declarations of Interest**

MATTER FOR DECISION

5. **Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006): Rear of Nos. 14, 13 and 12 Church Bank, Over Kellet (Pages 1 - 34)**

Report of the Head of Democratic Services (incorporating the report of the Tree Protection Officer)

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) **Membership**

Councillors Sheila Denwood (Chairman), Shirley Burns, Chris Coates, John Gilbert, John Harrison, Helen Helme and David Kerr

(ii) **Substitute Membership**

Councillors Evelyn Ashworth, Ian Barker, Anne Chapman, Pat Quinton, Sylvia Rogerson and Joyce Taylor

(iii) **Queries regarding this Agenda**

Please contact Jane Glenton, Democratic Services - telephone (01524) 582068 or email jglenton@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

Please contact Members' Secretary, telephone 582170, or alternatively email memberservices@lancaster.gov.uk.

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APPEALS COMMITTEE**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 394 (2006):
REAR OF NOS. 14, 13 AND 12 CHURCH BANK,
OVER KELLET****13TH DECEMBER 2006****REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To enable Members to consider the objections received to Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006): Rear of Nos. 14, 13 and 12 Church Bank, Over Kellet, and thereafter whether or not to confirm the Order.

This matter will be dealt with in accordance with the adopted procedure for considering matters relating to individual applications, that is, the relevant matters for consideration by the Committee will be presented in the public part of the meeting, and the decision will be made after the exclusion of the press and public, on the basis that, in making its decision, the Committee will receive exempt information in the form of legal advice on possible legal proceedings arising from the decision (Paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members consider the objection to Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006): Rear of Nos. 14, 13 and 12 Church Bank, Over Kellet, and thereafter whether or not to confirm the Order.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Under Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Local Planning Authority may make an Order in respect of a tree or group of trees if it appears that it is expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the protection of trees in their area.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1999, objections have been received to Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006), which has been made in relation to four trees established within the rear gardens of Nos. 14, 13 and 12 Church Bank, Over Kellet.
- 1.3 The objections are from the owners of 14, 13, 12 and 11 Church Bank, Over Kellet, and the owners of 51 Greenways, Over Kellet.

- 1.4 In accordance with the Regulations, it is necessary to consider the objections, and in order for the objections to be considered objectively, the matter is referred to the Appeals Committee.
- 1.5 The report of the City Council's Tree Protection Officer is attached (pages 3-4). Appended to the report are:
- Appendix 1 - *Copy of the original Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006) (pages 5-17);*
 - Appendix 2 - *Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) (pages 18)*
 - Appendix 3 - *Individual Trees and Landscape Photographs (pages 19-22);*
 - Appendix 4 – *Correspondence and objections in relation to Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006) (pages 23-34).*

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members with details to enable them to decide whether or not to confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006).

3.0 Details of Consultation

- 3.1 There has not been any consultation at this stage.

4. Options

- 4.1 The Options are:

- (1) To confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006):
- (a) Without modification
 - (b) Subject to such modifications as considered expedient.
- (2) Not to confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006)

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 In the light of information contained within the report and its appendices, together with legal advice given at Committee and a site visit, Members are requested to determine whether or not to confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006).

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A Legal Officer will be present at the meeting to advise the Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Tree Preservation Order No. 394 (2006)

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Date: 27th November 2006

Appeals Committee (TPO) – Wednesday 13th December 2006

Trees subject of the Appeals Committee – at nos. 14, 13, & 12 Church Bank, Over Kellet, and subject of **Tree Preservation Order no.394 (2006)**.

This report has been produced by Maxine Knagg (BSc Hons Arboriculture), Tree Protection Officer, Lancaster City Council.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Site: The four trees in question are established within the rear gardens of nos. 14, 13, & 12 Church Bank.

1.2 Scope and limitation of this report: This is an arboriculture report restricted to only those trees subject of the Appeals Committee. The information provided within this report has been gathered by means of a preliminary visual tree assessment restricted to ground level observations and inspection at the time of the site visit. A systematic and objective appraisal of the amenity value of the trees has been undertaken using the *Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO)*. It should be noted that trees are dynamic, living organisms subject to changes in weather, climate, pest and disease, development activities and site conditions.

2.0 Site Visit

2.1 Date: Undertaken 04th July 2006.

2.2 Brief Site Description: The site is a quiet residential area within the village of Over Kellet, near Carnforth. The public highway of *Church Bank* lies to the north and front of properties nos. 14, 13 & 12, and the public highway of *Greenways* is

located immediately to the south of the trees in question. The area is characterised by residential properties to the north and open aspect fields to the west and south; the fields are primarily in use for agriculture purposes. There is a large belt of trees established to the south and west; this group of trees is the subject of Tree Preservation Order no. 134/1. Immediately, opposite the rear boundaries of the site in question is a wildlife pond owned and managed by the Wildlife Trust.

2.3 Identification and condition of the tree: The four trees in question are the subjects of **Tree Preservation Order no. 394 (2006) (Appendix 1)**. The trees are visible from the public highway *Greenways* and from an adjacent public footpath, and contribute to the amenity value within the locality. The trees have been referenced as **T1**, **T2** and **G1** within Tree Preservation Order no.394 (2006).

2.4 T1 is an early-mature Sycamore; **T2** is a mature Cherry; **G1** is a group comprised of two, early-mature Ash. Generally, these trees are all of good form and structure with the potential to continue to contribute positively to the local amenity for many decades to come. They are clearly visible to a number of local residential properties and to users of the public highway. The trees form a visual link to the trees established within the wider landscape.

3.0 Tree Preservation Order

3.1 The amenity value of T1, T2 and G1 has been assessed using an objective and systematic approach (Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders - *TEMPO* system). A score of 12 was achieved supporting the action of serving a Tree Preservation Order (**Appendix 2**).

3.2 Lancaster City Council considers it expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of the four trees in question **under sections 198 (201) and 203 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990**. Lancaster City Council cite the following reasons:

- Clearly visible from two public highways and residential properties, contribute positively to local amenity value.
- Provide screening between neighbouring properties.
- Provide important wildlife resource around an urbanised residential setting and in close proximity to Over Kellet Pond (Wildlife Trust).
- Provide an important visual link to other protected trees within the locality, and contribute to the overall tree cover of the area.

It is the view of Lancaster City Council that damage or removal of these trees would have a detrimental impact on the amenity value of the local area and as such should be afforded protection by serving a Tree Preservation Order.

Maxine Knagg BSc (Hons) Arboriculture
Tree Protection Officer

CITY COUNCIL OF LANCASTER
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 394 (2006)

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I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the
original order.

A.M. Kerchington 7/9/06

RELATING TO TREES LOCATED AT
REAR OF NOS. 14, 13 AND 12 CHURCH BANK
OVER KELLET

TOWN HALL
LANCASTER
LA1 1PJ

The City Council of Lancaster, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 198, [201] and 203 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 hereby make the following Order:-

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as Tree Preservation Order (No. 394) 2006

Interpretation

2. this Order "the authority" means the (Lancaster City Council) and unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Order to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Application of section 201

3. The authority hereby direct that section 201 (provisional tree preservation orders) shall apply to this Order and, accordingly, this Order shall take effect provisionally on (8 September 2006).

Prohibited acts in relation to trees

4. Without prejudice to subsections (6) and (7) of section 198 (power to make tree preservation orders) [or subsection (3) of section 200 (orders affecting land where Forestry Commissioners interested)], and subject to article 5, no person shall:-
 - (a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy; or
 - (b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of, any tree specified in Schedule 1 to this Order or comprised in a group of trees or in a woodland so specified, except with the consent of the authority and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.

Exemptions

5. (1) Nothing in article 4 shall prevent:-
 - (a) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of a statutory undertaker, where the land on which the tree is situated is operational land of the statutory undertaker and the work is necessary:-
 - (i) in the interests of the safe operation of the undertaking;
 - (ii) in connection with the inspection, repair or renewal of any sewers, mains, pipes, cables or other apparatus of the statutory undertaker; or
 - (iii) to enable the statutory undertaker to carry out development permitted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995;
 - (b) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree cultivated for the production of fruit in the course of a business or trade where such work is in the interests of that business or trade;

- (c) the pruning, in accordance with good horticultural practice, of any tree cultivated for the production of fruit;
- (d) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree where that work is required to enable a person to implement a planning permission (other than an outline planning permission or, without prejudice to paragraph(a)(iii), a permission granted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995) granted on an application under Part III of the Act, or deemed to have been granted (whether for the purposes of that Part or otherwise);
- (e) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of the Environment Agency to enable the Agency to carry out development permitted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995;
- (f) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of a drainage body where that tree interferes, or is likely to interfere, with the exercise of any of the functions of that body in relation to the maintenance, improvement or construction of watercourses or of drainage works, and for this purpose "drainage body" and "drainage" have the same meanings as in the Land Drainage Act 1991; or
- (g) without prejudice to section 198(6)(b), the felling or lopping of a tree or the cutting back of its roots by or at the request of, or in accordance with a notice served by, a licence holder under paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to the Electricity Act 1989.

(2) In paragraph (1), "statutory undertaker" means any of the following:-

- a person authorised by any enactment to carry on any railway, light railway, tramway, road transport, water transport, canal, inland navigation, dock, harbour, pier or lighthouse undertaking, or any undertaking for the supply of hydraulic power,
- a relevant airport operator (within the meaning of Part V of the Airports Act 1986, the holder of a licence under section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989, a public gas transporter,
- the holder of a licence under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to whom the telecommunications code (within the meaning of that Act) is applied,
- a water or sewerage undertaker,
- the Civil Aviation Authority or a body acting on behalf of that Authority,
- the Post Office,

Applications for consent under the Order

- 6. An application for consent to the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of any tree in respect of which this Order is for the time being in force shall be made in writing to the authority and shall:-
 - (a) identify the tree or trees to which it relates (if necessary, by reference to a plan);
 - (b) specify the work for which consent is sought; and
 - (c) contain a statement of the applicant's reasons for making the application

Application of provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- 7. (1) The provision of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to registers, applications, permissions and appeals mentioned in column (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order shall have effect, in relation to consents under this Order and applications for such consent, subject to the adaptations and modifications mentioned in column (2).
- (2) The provisions referred to in paragraph (1), as so adapted and modified, are set out in Part II of that Schedule.

Directions as to replanting

8. (1) Where consent is granted under this Order for the felling in the course of forestry operations of any part of a woodland area, the authority may give to the owner of the land on which that part is situated ("the relevant land") a direction in writing specifying the manner in which and the time within which he shall replant the relevant land.
- (2) Where a direction is given under paragraph (1) and trees on the relevant land are felled (pursuant to the consent), the owner of that land shall replant it in accordance with the direction.
- (3) a direction under paragraph (1) may include requirements as to:-
 - (a) species;
 - (b) number of trees per hectare;
 - (c) the preparation of the relevant land prior to the replanting; and
 - (d) the erection of fencing necessary for the protection of the newly planted trees.

Compensation

9. (1) If, on a claim under this article, a person establishes that loss or damage has been caused or incurred in consequence of:-
 - (a) the refusal of any consent required under this Order; or
 - (b) the grant of any such consent subject to conditions,
 he shall, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), be entitled to compensation from the authority.
- (2) No claim, other than a claim made under paragraph (3), may be made under this article:-
 - (a) if more than 12 months have elapsed since the date of the authority's decision or, where such a decision is the subject of an appeal to the Secretary of State, the date of the final determination of the appeal; or
 - (b) if the amount in respect of which the claim would otherwise have been made is less than £500.
- (3) Where the authority refuse consent under this Order for the felling in the course of forestry operations of any part of a woodland area, they shall not be required to pay compensation to any person other than the owner of the land; and such compensation shall be limited to an amount equal to any depreciation in the value of the trees which is attributable to deterioration in the quality of the timber in consequence of the refusal.
- (4) In any other case, no compensation shall be payable to a person:-
 - (a) for loss of development value or other diminution in the value of the land;
 - (b) for loss or damage which, having regard to the statement of reasons submitted in accordance with article 6(c) and any documents or other evidence submitted in support of any such statement, was not reasonably foreseeable when consent was refused or was granted subject to conditions;
 - (c) for loss or damage reasonably foreseeable by that person and attributable to his failure to take reasonable steps to avert the loss or damage or to mitigate its extent; or
 - (d) for costs incurred in appealing to the Secretary of State against the refusal of any consent required under this Order or the grant of any such consent subject to conditions.

- (5) Subsections (3) to (5) of section 11 (terms of compensation on refusal of licence) of the Forestry Act 1967 shall apply to the assessment of compensation under paragraph (3) as it applies to the assessment of compensation where a felling licence is refused under section 10(application for felling licence and decision of Commissioners thereon) of that Act as if or any reference to a felling licence there were substituted a reference to a consent required under this Order and for the reference to the Commissioners there were substituted a reference to the authority.

- (6) In this article:-

"development value" means an increase in value attributable to the prospect of development; and, in relation to any land, the development of it shall include the clearing of it; and

"owner" has the meaning given to it by section 34 of the Forestry Act 1967.

[Applications to trees to be planted pursuant to a condition

- 10 In relation to the tree(s) identified in the first column of Schedule 1 by the letter "C", being [a tree] [trees] to be planted pursuant to a condition (being a condition imposed under paragraph (a) of section 197 (planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees)), this Order takes effect as from the time when [that tree is planted] [those trees are planted]].

[Orders made by virtue of section 300

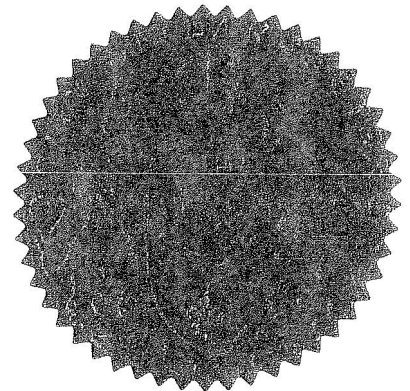
11. This Order takes effect in accordance with subsection (3) of section 300 (tree preservation orders in anticipation of disposal of Crown land).]

Dated this 7th day of September 2006

THE COMMON SEAL of
THE CITY COUNCIL OF LANCASTER
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

J. Dunn

Corporate Director (Regeneration)



SEAL REGISTER
No: 21032

FIRST SCHEDULE

Trees Specified Individually
(encircled in black on the map)

NO. ON MAP	DESCRIPTION	SITUATION
T1	Sycamore	Rear of 14 Church Bank
T2	Cherry	Rear of 13 and 12 Church Bank

Trees specified by reference to an area
(within a dotted black line on the map)

NO. ON MAP	DESCRIPTION	SITUATION
	NONE	

Groups of trees
(within a broken black line on the map)

NO. ON MAP	DESCRIPTION	SITUATION
G1	2 x Ash	Rear of 13 Church Bank

Woodlands
(within a continuous black line on the map)

NO. ON MAP	DESCRIPTION	SITUATION
	NONE	

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

Provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 applied
with adaptations or modifications

Provision of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990	Adaptation or Modification
Section 69 (registers)	<p>(a) In subsection (1):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omit:- "in such manner as may be prescribed by a development order", "such" in the second place where it appears, and "as may be so prescribed", and (ii) substitute "matters relevant to tree preservation orders made by the authority" for "applications for planning permission". <p>(b) In subsection (2):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) after "contain" insert "as regards each such order"; and (ii) for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute:- "(a) details of every application under the order and of the authority's decision (if any) in relation to each such application, and (b) a statement as to the subject-matter of every appeal under the order and of the date and nature of the Secretary of State's determination of it". <p>(c) Omit subsections (3) and (4) (as required by section 198(4)).</p>
Provision of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990	Adaptation or Modification
Section 70 (determination of applications: general considerations)	<p>(a) In subsection (1):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) substitute:- "Subject to subsections (1A) and (1B), where" for "Where"; "the authority" for "a local planning authority",

"consent under a tree preservation order" for "planning permission" where those words first appear; and
 "consent under the order" for "planning permission" in both of the other places where those words appear; and
 "consent under the order" for "planning permission" in both of the other places where these words appear;

(ii) after "think fit", insert-

"(including conditions limiting the duration of the consent or requiring the replacement of trees)";

and

(iii) Omit "subject to sections 91 and 92,".

(b) After subsection (1) insert:-

"(1A) Where an application relates to an area of woodland, the authority shall grant consent so far as accords with the practice of good forestry, unless they are satisfied that the granting of consent would fail to secure the maintenance of the special character of the woodland or the woodland character of the area.

(1B) Where the authority grant consent for the felling of trees in a woodland area they shall not impose conditions requiring replacement where such felling is carried

out in the course of forestry operations (but may give directions for securing replanting)".

(c) Omit subsections (2) and (3).

Section 75 (effect of planning Permission)

(a) In subsection (1) substitute:-

- (i) "Any" for the words from "Without" to "any";
- (ii) "consent under a tree preservation order" for "planning permission to develop land";
- (iii) "the consent" for "the permission"; and
- (iv) "the land to which the order relates for the land".

(b) Omit subsections (2) and (3).

Section 78 (right to appeal
 Against planning decisions and failure
 To take such decisions)

(a) In subsection (1) substitute:-

- (i) "the authority" for "a local planning authority";
- (ii) "consent under a tree preservation order" for "planning permission" in the first place where those words appear;
- (iii) "consent under such an order" for "planning permission" in the second place where those words appear;

(iv) for paragraph (c) substitute:-

"(c) give a direction under a tree preservation order or refuse an application for any consent, agreement or approval of that authority required by such a direction; or

(d) fail to determine any such application as is referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) within the period of 8 weeks beginning with the date on which the application was received by the authority"

(b) Omit subsection (2).

(c) In subsection (3) for "served within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by a development order".

Substitute:-

"in writing addressed to the Secretary of State, specifying the grounds on which the appeal is made; and such notice shall be served:-

(a) in respect of a matter mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1), within the period of 28 days from the receipt of notification of the authority's decision or direction or within such longer period as the Secretary of State may allow;

(a) in respect of such a failure as is mentioned in paragraph

(b) of that subsection, at any time after the expiration of the period mentioned in that paragraph, but if the authority have informed the applicant that the application has been refused, or granted subject to conditions, before an appeal has been made, an appeal may only be made against that refusal or grant".

(d) For subsection (4) substitute:-

"(4) The appellant shall serve on the authority a copy of the notice mentioned in subsection (3)".

(e) For subsection (5), substitute:-

"(5) For the purposes of the application of Section 79 (1), in relation to an appeal made under subsection (1)(d), it shall be assumed that the authority decided to refuse the application in question".

Section 79 (determination of appeals)(a)

(a) In subsections (1) and (2), substitute "the authority" for the local planning authority".

(b) Omit subsection (3).

(c) In subsection (4), substitute:-

(i) "sections 70(1), (1A) and (1B)" for "sections 70, 72(1) and (5), 73 and 73A and Part I of Schedule 5";

(ii) "consent under a tree preservation order" for "planning permission"; and

(iii) "the authority" for "the local planning authority and a development order may apply, with or without modifications; to such an appeal any requirements imposed by a development order by virtue of section 65 or 71".

(d) Omit subsections (6) and (6A).

(e) In subsection (7), omit the words after "section 78".

- (d) fail to determine any such application as is referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) within the period of 8 weeks beginning with the date on which the application was received by the authority,

the applicant may by notice appeal to the Secretary of State.

- (3) Any appeal under this section shall be made by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary of State, specifying the grounds on which the appeal is made; and such notice shall be served:-
 - (a) in respect of a matter mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1), within the period of 28 days from the receipt of notification of the authority's decision or direction or within such longer period as the Secretary of State may allow;
 - (b) in respect of such a failure as is mentioned in paragraph (d) of that subsection, at any time after the expiration of the period mentioned in that paragraph, but if the authority have informed the applicant that the application has been refused, or granted subject to conditions, before an appeal has been made, an appeal may only be made against that refusal or grant.
- (4) The appellant shall serve on the authority a copy of the notice mentioned in subsection (3).
- (5) For the purposes of the application of section 79(1), in relation to an appeal made under subsection (1)(d), it shall be assumed that the authority decided to refuse the application in question.

Section 79

- (1) On an appeal under section 78 the Secretary of State may:-
 - (a) allow or dismiss the appeal, or
 - (b) reverse or vary any part of the decision of the authority (whether the appeal relates to that part of it or not),
 and may deal with the application as if it has been made to him in the first instance.
- (2) Before determining an appeal under section 78 the Secretary of State shall, if either the appellant or the authority so wish, give each of them an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose.

PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
AS ADAPTED AND MODIFIED BY PART 1

The following provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as adapted and modified by Part 1 of this Schedule, apply in relation to consents, and applications for consent, under this Order.

Section 69

- (1) Every local planning authority shall keep a register containing information with respect to matters relevant to tree preservation orders made by the authority.
- (2) The register shall contain, as regards each such order:-
 - (a) details of every application under the order and of the authority's decision (if any) in relation to each such application, and
 - (b) a statement as to the subject-matter of every appeal under the order and of the date and nature of the Secretary of State's determination of it.
- (3) Every register kept under this section shall be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable hours.

Section 70

- (1) Subject to subsections (1A) and (1B), where an application is made to the authority for consent under a tree preservation order:-
 - (a) they may grant consent under the order, either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as they think fit (including conditions limiting the duration of the consent or requiring the replacement of trees); or
 - (b) they may refuse consent under the order.
- (1A) Where an application relates to an area of woodland, the authority shall grant consent so far as accords with the practice of good forestry, unless they are satisfied that the granting of consent would fail to secure the maintenance of the special character of the woodland or the woodland character of the area.
- (1B) Where the authority grant consent for the felling of trees in a woodland area they shall not impose conditions requiring replacement where such felling is carried out in the course of forestry operations (but may give directions for securing replanting).

Section 75

Any grant of consent under a tree preservation order shall (except insofar as the consent otherwise provides) ensure for the benefit of the land to which the order relates and of all persons for the time being interested in it.

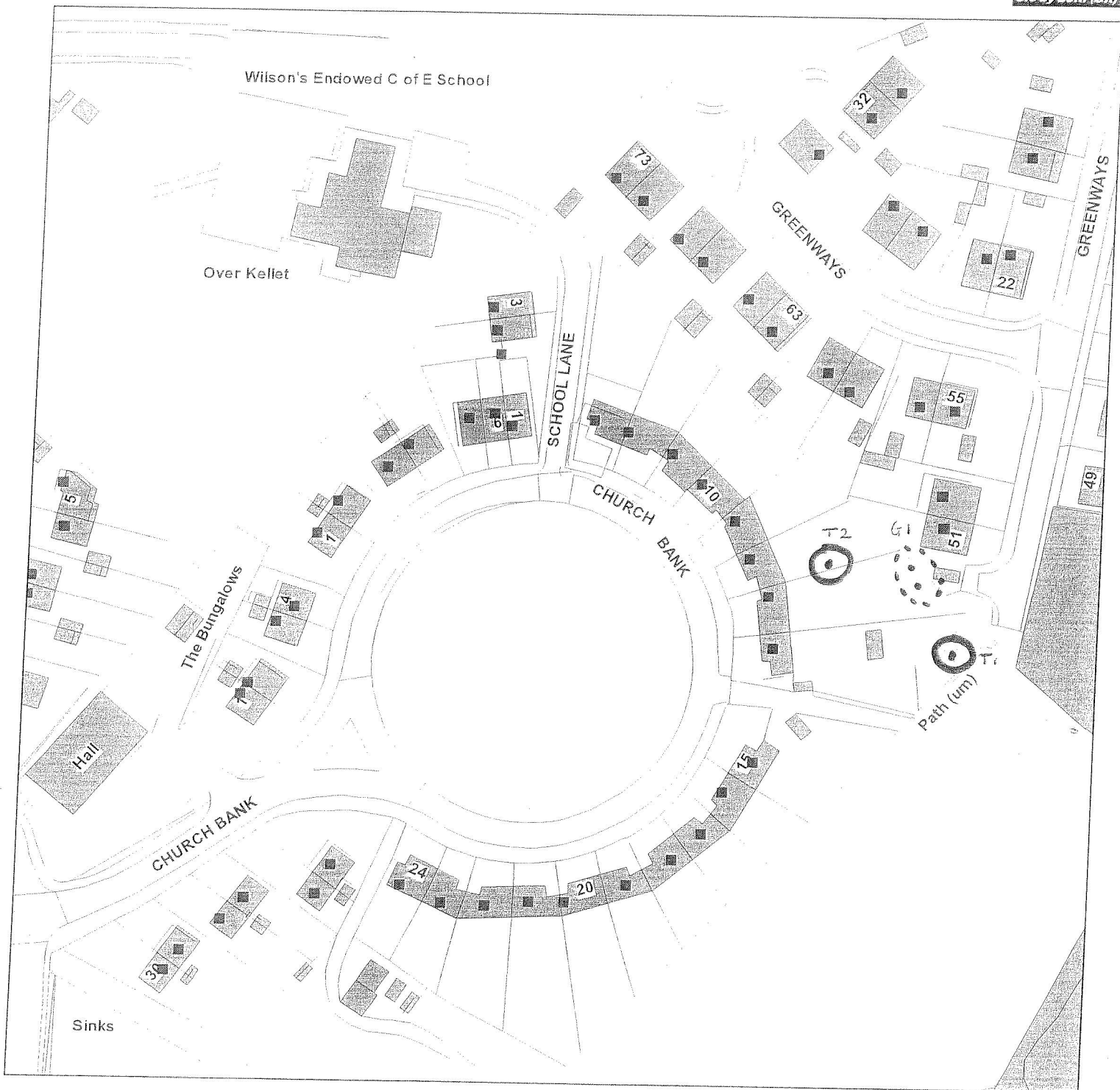
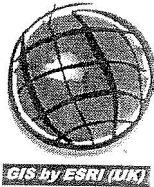
Section 78

- (1) Where the authority:-
 - (a) refuse an application for consent under a tree preservation order or grant it subject to conditions;
 - (a) refuse an application for any consent, agreement or approval of that authority required by a condition imposed on a grant of consent under such an order or grant it subject to conditions;
 - (c) give a direction under a tree preservation order, or refuse an application for any consent, agreement or approval of that authority required by such a direction; or

- (4) Subject to condition (2), the provisions of section 70(1), (1A) and (1B) shall apply, with any necessary modifications, in relation to an appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 as they apply in relation to an application for consent under a tree preservation order which falls to be determined by the authority.
- (5) The decision of the Secretary of State on such an appeal shall be final.
- (7) Schedule 6 applies to appeals under section 78.

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL TPO NO. 394 (2006)

CHURCH BANK, OVER KELLET



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Date	06 September 2006
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TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS (TEMPO):

SURVEY DATA SHEET & DECISION GUIDE

Date: 4/7/06		Surveyor: M. K. WAGG	
Tree details		Species: Sycaura	
TPO Ref:	Tree Group No	Ash x 2	
Owner (if known):	T1 + T2	Cherry	
Location: Established to the rear gardens of Nos. 12, 13 + 14		Chapel Bank	
		overhanging	

Part 1: Amenity assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO:
Refer to Guidance Note for definitions

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| 5) Good | Highly suitable |
| ③ 4) Fair | Suitable |
| 1) Poor | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Unsafe | Unsuitable |
| 0) Dead | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes ③

b) Remaining longevity (in years) & suitability for TPO:
Refer to 'Species Guide' section in Guidance Note

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|------------|-----------------|
| 5) 100+ | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable |
| ② 3) 20-40 | Suitable |
| 1) 10-20 | Just suitable |
| 0) <10 | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes

② longer by likely to be longer for T1-T3 (excl. cherry).

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use: refer to Guidance Note

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|--|-------------------------|
| 5) Very large trees, or large trees that are prominent landscape features | Highly suitable |
| 4) Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public | Suitable |
| ③ 3) Medium trees, or larger trees with limited view only | Just suitable |
| 2) Small trees, or larger trees visible only with difficulty | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 1) Young, v. small, or trees not visible to the public, regardless of size | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes

③ usable for Public highway to front + rear

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

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| 5) Principal components of arboricultural features, or veteran trees |
| 4) Members of groups of trees important for their cohesion |
| 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance |
| 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual |
| ① 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features |

Score & Notes

① provide an important link to surrounding landscape trees

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 9 or more points to qualify: refer to Guidance Note

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| 5) Known threat to tree |
| ③ 3) Foreseeable threat to tree |
| 2) Perceived threat to tree |
| 1) Precautionary only |
| 0) Tree known to be an actionable nuisance |

Score & Notes

③ site maybe subject of a future planning application

Part 3: Decision guide

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|---------|-----------------------|
| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO |
| 1-6 | TPO indefensible |
| 7-10 | Does not merit TPO |
| ① 11-14 | TPO defensible |
| 15+ | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:

① 2

Decision:

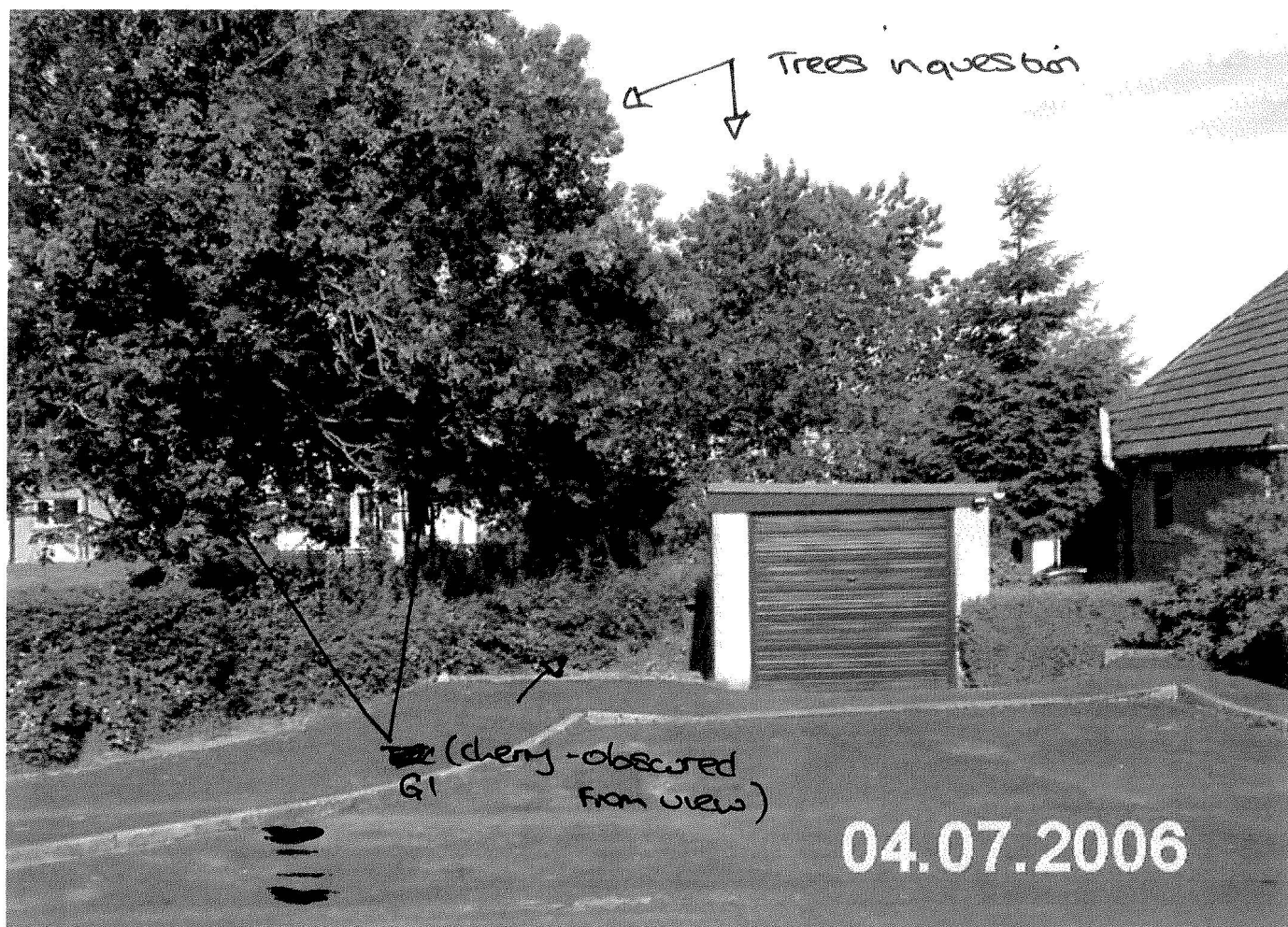
Serve TPO.

1. over Kellet Pond. Managed by Wildlife Trust. Page 19



Appendix 3.

2.



Rear of Church Bank.

3.



4.



Ph Footpath leading to front of
Church Bank properties

Ash x 2 (G1)

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5.



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Trees sighted
of TPO no. 134

Footpath leading around
to front of Church Belfry

1x Ash

(G1)

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David & Kathleen Mills

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11th September 2006.

Your ref: AS/TPO No. 391 (2006)

For the attention of Maxine Dobson,
Head of Planning Services,
Lancaster City Council,
Palatine Hall,
Dalton Square,
LANCASTER LA1 1PW.

Dear Sir,

Re: Revocation of Tree Preservation Order No. 391 (2006)
Lancaster City Council. Rear of Nos. 14, 13 and 12 Church Bank,
Over Kellet

Thank you for your letter of 7th September, advising us that the site had been re-surveyed and that a new Order No. 394 (2006) has been made.

We wish to object to this Order as trees in question take light from our garden, and the roots extend into our garden. These trees are also far too tall for this location.

Will you please acknowledge receipt of this Objection.

Yours faithfully,

David J. Mills *Kathleen Mills*

David J. Mills and Mrs. Kathleen Mills

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT	
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Knagg, Maxine

From: Knagg, Maxine
Sent: 08 September 2006 16:49
To: Dobson, Andrew
Cc: Shepherd, Anne
Subject: complaint received re: TPO Church Bank, Over Kellet

Andrew

Thank you for the opportunity to provide clarity surrounding the complaint received from Mrs Audrey Cochrane.

My comments are as follows:

Mrs Cochrane has highlighted an error in the time lines in connection with serving the new Tree Preservation Order no.391 (2006). Our response has been to revoke the original order TPO no. 391 (2006).

I have resurveyed and assessed the trees subject of this order and determined once again that they have important amenity value and as such we have served a new order no.394(2006).

All interested parties, including Mrs Cochrane have been informed in writing of this action. I have attached copies of the correspondence sent out.

I will now respond directly to Mrs Cochrane's letter of complaint and issues raised.

1. Tree roots do not have the capacity to damage intact structures such as drains and sewers, this is supported by current research. The purpose of the root system is to provide structural support and derive nutrients and moisture from the soil. Inevitable roots will encounter underground constraints and the natural response of roots is to be deflected away from the obstruction and grow around or away from the structure. If a drain is already damaged then roots do then have the potential to exploit available water and nutrient reserves.

2. Lancaster City Council does not support the removal of healthy trees in response to complaints of loss of light. There is no legislation to contradict this.

3. Unfortunately, at the time of this time line error the Planning Advise Team were severely understaffed leading to delays and significant pressure. I did write to David (Hall) at the time to express my concerns. However, such an event has raised awareness and the need to be ever vigilant.

We will retain the objections received from the original order with respect to the issues raised, other than the time scale error. We have informed the interested parties appropriately.

Inevitably, I anticipate that this will go to appeal at a later date.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Maxine

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Our Ref: AS/TPO No. 391 (2006)
Your Ref:

PLANNING SERVICES

Palatine Hall
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7 September 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

REVOCATION OF Tree Preservation Order: No. 391 (2006)
LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL:- REAR OF NOS. 14, 13 AND 12 CHURCH BANK,
OVER KELLET

It has been brought to our attention that a time line error has been made, consequently please be advised that the above Tree Preservation Order has now been revoked.

The site has been re-surveyed and we consider that the trees identified in Order No. 391 (2006) are worthy of protection with a Tree Preservation Order in the interest of public amenity. As such these trees have been included in the new Order No. 394 (2006) enclosed.

We acknowledge the written objections received with regard to T.P.O. 391 and these will be held on file and related to the new Order 394.

Yours faithfully



ANDREW DOBSON
HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

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See attached for names and addresses

7 September 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

IMPORTANT - THIS COMMUNICATION MAY AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREES) REGULATIONS 1999

Tree Preservation Order: 394 (2006)

Lancaster City Council:- REAR OF NOS. 14, 13 AND 12 CHURCH BANK, OVER KELLET

THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE to let you know that on 7 September 2006 the Council made the above tree preservation order.

A copy of the order is enclosed. In simple terms, it prohibits anyone from cutting down, topping or lopping any of the trees described in the First Schedule and shown on the map without the Council's consent.

Some explanatory guidance on tree preservation orders is given in the enclosed leaflet, *Protected Trees: a guide to Tree Preservation Orders*, produced by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

THE COUNCIL HAVE MADE THE ORDER BECAUSE:-

The trees are of significant importance to the amenity of the area

The Order took effect, on a provisional basis on 8 September 2006. It will continue in force on this basis for a further 6 months or until the order is confirmed by the Council, whichever first occurs.

The Council will consider whether the order should be confirmed, that is to say, whether it should take effect formally. Before this decision is made, the people affected by the order have a right to make objections or other representations about any of the trees, groups of trees or woodlands covered by the Order.

If you would like to make any objections or other comments, please make sure we receive them in writing within 28 days of receiving this notice. Your comments must comply with regulations 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999, a copy of which is enclosed. Send your comments to Lancaster City Council, Planning Services, Palatine Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PW. All valid objections or representations are carefully considered before a decision on whether to confirm the Order is made.

The Council will write to you again when that decision has been made. In the meantime, if you would like any further information or have any questions about this letter, please contact Anne Shepherd at Lancaster City Council, Planning Services, Palatine Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PW or telephone (01524) 582381.

Yours faithfully

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LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT	
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Audley, Cochrane,
12, Church Bank,
Over Kettle,
Carnforth.

5.9.06.

Dear Mr. Dobson,

I am writing to inform you that I am lodging an official complaint against the Planning Services at Lancaster City Council.

On 10th August 2006 I received a recorded letter from yourselves indicating that a formal notice was being given that on 18th July 2006 the City Council made a tree preservation order on a Cherry tree located to the rear of my property - no. 12 Church Bank Over Kettle.

This formal notice also states that before the order is confirmed any objections would be considered. Objections had to be made in writing within 28 days of receiving the notice. On Monday 4th September 2006 I received another letter from the Planning Services Department informing me that as no objections had been received the order on the Cherry tree had been confirmed.

I therefore wish to strongly object to this preservation order on the following points:-

- 1/ This is a large tree and as I have a main sewer running near the tree I am concerned that the roots of the tree may damage the drains.

4/ The size of the tree is restricting natural sunlight onto my garden, the garden of no. 13, Church Bank and the garden of no 51, Greenways.

3/ Most importantly, the 28 day objection period laid down by yourselves has not been adhered to and therefore I believe you have passed an illegal order.

From the day I received the preliminary order on 11th August to when it was confirmed and passed on 31st August there was only a 20 day period of time and not the required 28 days.

I therefore wish to formally lodge this complaint and trust you will lift the order on the Cherry tree to the rear of 13, Church Bank.

Yours faithfully

Audrey Cochrane

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5th September 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Tree Preservation Order No 391 (2006)

We hereby lodge a formal objection to tree preservation order number 391 (2006)

There are four trees falling under the order, the reason for the order been that the trees "benefit the public amenity" of the area.

We fully understand the reason for the order and have no objection to the general public utilising the public footpath, enjoying the "view" when looking into the respective gardens of 12, 13 and 14 Church Bank.

However, referring to the attached sketch and general layout plan, we feel that one of the trees in Group 1 (13 Church Bank) and tree T2 (13 Church Bank) do not warrant a preservation order on the grounds of "benefiting the public amenity". Both these trees are well within the private land of the respective properties and do not even overhang the public area.

Consequently, we object to the two above-mentioned trees being subject to a preservation order. We would wish to continue, as has happened for the past fifteen years, to prune/lop low hanging branches from the trees without the need to apply to yourselves for permission, or possibly employ a professional person with extra financial costs.

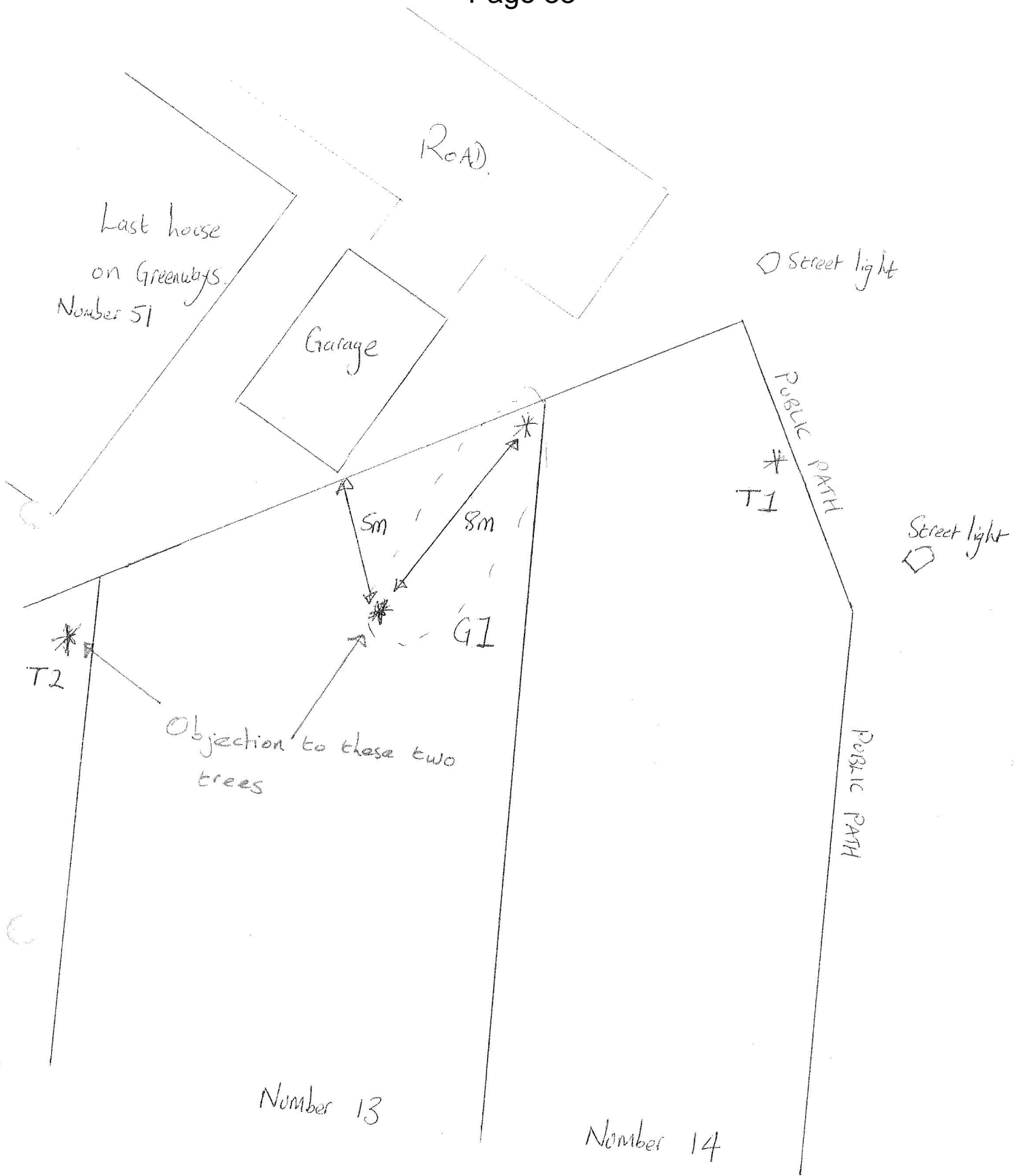
We trust you understand our objection, but please be assured that, like yourselves, we are committed to a pleasing and harmonious environment around our homes.

Yours faithfully

H Worthington

Cc. 12 Church Bank

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