

Report to Area Plans Sub-Committee 'B'

Date of meeting: 3 May 2005.

**Subject: Confirmation Of Tree Preservation Order EPF/32/04
Land between 10 Ambleside & 7 Green Trees, Epping.**



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Recommendation:

That, subject to the amendment of the location plan, Tree Preservation Order EPF/32/04 is confirmed.

Background:

1. Tree Preservation Order EPF/32/04 was made to protect a number of trees on land between 7 Green Trees and 10 Ambleside, Epping. The trees protected are:
 - (a) sycamore x 2;
 - (b) ash x 9;
 - (c) cherry x 1; and
 - (d) whitebeam x 1.
2. The Tree Preservation Order was made as a result of errors made in the making of a previous order, which rendered the trees vulnerable to pruning. As a planted landscape group these trees were considered important in softening and screening the boundary between properties and aiding the reduction in water run off and although not an outstanding specimens G1 contributed to greening of the area.

Objection to the Tree Preservation Order:

3. A written representation from the owner of 10 Ambleside has highlighted an inaccuracy in the plan of the Order, which shows G1 extending further along the rear boundary fence than it does in reality.

Response from Head of Planning and Economic Development:

4. When the TPO was made, an inaccuracy occurred in the drawing of the group of trees marked on the plan as G1. This was brought to the council's attention in the form of a letter from a notified resident and has been treated as an objection. This has been rectified on a revised plan, where the stems of all protected trees have been more precisely shown within the dashed line. This revised plan will be put before the committee for confirmation as the true representation of the trees to be protected.

Conclusions:

5. The objection highlighted the need for the Order to be corrected. This has been done and therefore, in the absence of any other objections, and with the inclusion of the revised plan, the order can be confirmed.