

Report to the Area Plans Sub-Committee South



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Date of meeting: 15 April 2009

**Subject: Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order EPF/04/09 –
Land to the north of Bryn Miskin, Pudding Lane, Chigwell.**

Responsible Officer: Melinda Barham (Ext 4120).

Democratic Services: R Perrin (Ext 4532).

Recommendation:

That Tree Preservation Order EPF/04/09 is confirmed without modification

Background:

1. Tree Preservation Order EPF/04/09 was made to protect 63 trees on land along the north side of Pudding Lane, Chigwell between Bryn Miskin and the Abridge Road.
2. This woodland is currently protected by an Essex County Council Tree Preservation Order made in 1951. These Essex Orders are currently being reviewed and the purpose of this new Order is to protect those trees still worthy of preservation that were previously covered by the Essex Order. In order to clarify which trees are protected they have been plotted as individual trees rather than as a 'blanket' woodland order.

Objection to the Tree Preservation Order:

An objection to the Order has been received from solicitors acting on behalf of Hilda Davies, of Pettits Hall Pudding Lane, the owner of this parcel of land. The objection is made on the grounds that:

- 1 – Over the last 30 years the trees have been looked after by the current owner.

Comments of the Director of Planning & Economic Development:

The trees at this site have been protected by Essex County Council since 1951, this new order is to provide continuity of control over the best landscape assets currently protected by the Essex Order. This new order is not being made because of any concerns regarding the management of the trees by the current owner.

Conclusion:

This is a strategic Order being made to ensure the long term protection of these trees. It is therefore recommended that the Order is confirmed without modification.