

# **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/54/08  
Stradbroke Park, Chigwell**

**Responsible Officer: Melinda Barham (Ext 4120).**

**Democratic Services: R Perrin (Ext 4532).**

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## **Recommendation:**

**That Tree Preservation Order EPF/54/08 is confirmed without modification**

## **Background:**

Tree Preservation Order EPF/54/08 was made to protect 32 individual trees and 3 groups of trees within residential gardens at Stradbroke Park, Chigwell.

This area is currently protected by a 'blanket' 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. It also includes some additional trees now considered worthy of preservation.

## **Objection to the Tree Preservation Order:**

An objection to the Order has been received in respect of G1 (cedar x1 and pine x1) from a neighbour at 15a Stradbroke Drive.

The objection is made on the grounds that:

- i) These two trees are not indigenous.
- ii) They were planted as part of the landscape scheme when the properties were built in the late 1980's and should not therefore be part of this new Order.

## **Comments of the Director of Planning & Economic Development:**

1. Whilst these two trees are not considered indigenous, they have been planted as a feature within the garden setting. The Tree Preservation Order legislation does not limit what species of trees can and cannot be protected.

2. The justification for this new Order is that it is to protect those trees which were present when the Essex Order was made in 1951. In addition it has also been taken as an opportunity to protect other significant trees which have either grown or been planted since 1951. These two trees fall into this latter category.

These trees are in a secluded location visually; however they do contribute to the general greening of the area. Although they are relatively young at present they have the capacity to grow to make a significant contribution to the area in the future.

## **Conclusion:**

It is therefore recommended that the Order is confirmed without modification.