

# **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/08/09  
1-29 Tomswood Road & 1-7 Audleigh Place, Chigwell**

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

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

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## **Recommendation:**

**That Tree Preservation Order EPF/08/09 is confirmed without modification**

## **Background:**

Tree Preservation Order EPF/08/09 was made to protect 42 individual trees and 4 groups of trees within residential gardens at 1-29 Tomswood Road and 1-7 Audleigh Place, 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 T10 (beech) from the owner of the tree at 15 Tomswood Road.

The objection is made on the grounds that :

1 –The owner intends to construct a rear extension which may affect this tree.

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

This is a relatively young tree at present which stand approx 2.5m from an existing single storey rear extension. It has the capacity to make a significant contribution to the general greening of the area in the future.

To date no application for an extension to the property has been submitted. It would be premature therefore to exclude the tree from the Order on those grounds. Should such an application be received, the importance of the tree could then be considered and balanced against the reasons given for the application.

## **Conclusion:**

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