

Report to Area Plans Sub-Committee South

Date of meeting: 12 December 2012



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Subject: CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER TPO/EPF/15/12

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Recommendation(s):

That Tree Preservation Order TPO/EPF/15/12 is confirmed with modification

1. Background

1.1 The playing fields of Oaklands School, Loughton extend from Albion Hill, along Loughton High Road and the lower part of Warren Hill.

1.2 In September 2012 it was noted that a number of trees within the bottom field of the school had been clear felled. The School was not been able to provide a satisfactory explanation of why the clearance works were undertaken or considered necessary. Therefore, to prevent additional tree works from being undertaken without good arboricultural reasons, it was considered appropriate to protect selected trees which remain on site with a Tree Preservation Order.

1.3 The trees protected by this order are predominantly on the boundaries of the site, along the High Road and Warren Hill. They are highly visible to members of the public passing the site, on foot or by car. Several trees within the site have also been selected for inclusion, either because of their veteran status, or the potential to become future veterans.

2.0 Objections / Representations

2.1 No objections or representations have been made.

3.0 The Director of Planning and Economic Development comments as follows:

3.1 After having served this Order, it has been noted that the solid black line used to designate the woodland (W1) on plan 3 has not been continued around the entire perimeter of the woodland.

3.2 To avoid any future challenge as to the extent of the woodland and validity of the document it is recommended that the Order is modified to show the solid black line around the perimeter and not rely on the land boundaries of the site.

4.0 Conclusion :

4.1 It is therefore recommended that the Order is confirmed with modification.