

Report to Area Plans Sub-Committee West



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Date of meeting: 29th January 2014

**Subject: CONFIRMATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
EPF/18/13 – Kingsmead, Epping Road, Roydon**

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Recommendation:

That Tree Preservation Order 18/13 is not confirmed.

Background

1. A pre application indicative scheme for a new residential development on the site showed a loss of trees on the site. This threat resulted in TPO/EPF/18/13 being served in July 2013, provisionally giving protection to selected trees across the site.
2. An objection was made in respect of certain individual and groups of trees, which resulted in a review of the original order and the service of a new order: TPO/EPF/03/14. This new order focusses protection on higher value trees.

The Director of Planning and Economic Development comments as follows:

3. The discussed scheme for a new housing development would have resulted in an unacceptable loss of dominant landscape features. This justified the service of the original provisional order TPO/EPF/18/13.
4. Detailed discussions about this order took place and it was agreed that a number of screening groups of trees and selected individuals might be removed from a new order: TPO/EPF/03/14. This new order has been served and is effective.
5. Any new planning application will need to give full design consideration these high value trees.

Conclusion :

6. For the formal record this TPO has been brought to committee with the recommendation that the Order is not confirmed.