

Report of the Head of Planning & City Regeneration

Planning Committee - 4 July 2017

Provisional Tree Preservation Order P17.7.4.611

Land at 344, Swansea Road, Waunarlwydd, Swansea. (2016)

To consider the confirmation, as a full Order, of the provisional Tree Preservation Order 611: Land at 344, Swansea Road, Waunarlwydd, Swansea. (2016).

Recommendation:

That the Tree Preservation Order: Land at 344, Swansea Road, Waunarlwydd, Swansea. (2016) be confirmed

For Decision

1. Introduction

1.1 The provisional Order was served on 20th September 2016.

2. Objections and Representations

2.1 One letter expressing an objection has been received within the minimum required consultation period; no letters of support have been received.

2.2 R.J. Owen objects to the ash tree at 344 Swansea Road being protected for the following reasons:

- That branches overhang their property, some touching the pine end;
- That their gutters become blocked from leaves falling from this tree;
- That the tree causes moss to grow on their roof;
- That roots are damaging their drive;
- That this tree was not previously protected by a TPO

3 Appraisal

3.1 A provisional tree preservation order P17.7.4.611 has been placed on an ash tree at 344 Swansea Road. The order was made to replace TPO 268 that had altered significantly.

3.1.1 The ash tree contributes significantly to the street scene and local amenity.

3.1.2 The tree has been evaluated using the industry recognised evaluation system TEMPO, which scores the trees' contribution to the local amenity. The score was 13 – which makes the TPO defensible.



Photograph 1: Significant amenity contribution of ash tree protected by TPO611

- 3.2 The overhanging branches of the tree can be pruned back under exemption if they are making contact with the pine end as stated. The objector can also make an application to prune other branches which would be considered on its own merits.
- 3.3 The tree would have been contributing to the blocked gutters prior to the new TPO being made; no applications were received to remove the tree under the previous TPO; one application to prune overhanging branches was made in 1988. The problem can be mitigated by the use of gutter guards.
- 3.4 A letter to arrange a meeting to discuss the damage to the drive was sent to R. J. Owen on the 31st October 2016. No reply was forthcoming to facilitate viewing the drive. An application to mitigate any damage to the drive would be considered on its own merits.
- 3.5 The tree was protected by TPO 268 and there is a history of a previous tree works application (88/0311/10) to support this.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Tree Preservation Order: Land at 344, Swansea Road, Waunarlwydd, Swansea; TPO P17.7.4.611 be confirmed without amendment.

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