


TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

New Tree Preservation Order Request

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

AUTHORISATION	INITIALS	DATE
Officer recommendation:	CPD	30.05.23
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Enquiry No: 4

Date received: 22.05.2023

Site visit: 25.05.2023

Town; Gt Oakley

Application No:

Request from: Gt Oakley Parish Council.

Address:

Recreation Ground
School Road
Gt Oakley

1. Site Description

The tree is situated on land that is part of Gt Oakley Recreation Ground. The tree is on the boundary of the site with an adjacent residential property; 10 School Road, Gt Oakley and also adjacent to the highway.

2. Trees

The boundary of the recreation ground is demarcated by an established hedge comprising of indigenous species. The site is well populated with trees, of a mixed age range. The subject tree is one of the largest and most visually prominent on the land.

3. Officer Appraisal

Purpose of report

To assess the health, condition and amenity value of the tree along with any potential threat to its retention, in order to determine whether or not it merits formal legal protection by means of a Tree Preservation Order.

Amenity

The oak tree is a fully mature specimen that is a positive feature in its setting. It is a good example of its species. When inspected from ground level the tree has a well-formed branch structure with no obvious defects. The canopy of the tree appears healthy, with dense branch structure that is free from any significant pest or disease attack or infestation. Ivy is growing on the main stem and

in the lower parts of the crown but this is not adversely affecting the health or condition of the tree. The tree makes a significant positive contribution to the wider appearance of the locality.

Current Management.

The tree has not been previously subjected to any recent crown reduction or other significant works.

Suitability for TPO

The contribution that the Oak makes to the amenity of the locality is high.

The TEMPO assessment confirmed that the oak could be made the subject of a defensible TPO.

The land on which the tree is situated is currently maintained by Great Oakley Parish Council so there appears to be little real threat to the tree. Nevertheless, the Parish Council believe that the tree is at risk potentially from the owners of an adjacent property as branches from the Oak overhang their land.

Although the Oak tree is not considered to be at risk a TPO can be made on a precautionary basis. Therefore, it is proposed to make the Oak tree the subject of a new Tree Preservation Order.

Recommendation

New TPO to be made in respect of 1 Oak Tree

Has the decision been published?	YES	NO
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