

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

New Tree Preservation Order Request

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

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Town; Frinton on Sea

Application No:

Request from: Local Resident.

Address:

19 Branscome Close
Frinton on Sea
Essex

1. Site Description

The land on which the trees are situated is associated and physically linked to 19 Branscombe Close and can be accessed from the car park and garage area. The land is maintained in a natural condition and contains several trees including 6 large oaks, Hawthorn, Blackthorn and Elder

2. Trees

The most prominent trees on the land are 6 Oak.

3. Officer Appraisal

Purpose of report

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

Amenity

The Hawthorn, Blackthorn and Elder are attractive trees but do not feature prominently in the public realm.

The oak trees are semi-mature and mature specimens that are positive features in their setting and a good example of their species. When inspected from ground level the trees have a well-formed branch structure with no obvious defects. The trees make a significant positive contribution to the wider appearance of the locality.

Current Management.

The trees have not been previously subjected to any recent crown reduction or other significant works other than the removal of small branches from the tree overhanging the garage block.

Suitability for TPO

The contribution that the Oaks make to the amenity of the locality is high.

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

The land on which the trees are situated is currently owned and maintained by the owner of 19 Branscombe Close so there appears to be little real threat to the trees. Nevertheless, the property owner believes that the trees are potentially at risk from the owners of the adjacent garage owners as branches from the Oak overhang their land and the trees may be implicated in damage to the foundations of the garages.

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

Recommendation

New TPO to be made in respect of 6 Oak Trees

Has the decision been published?	YES	
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