

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

New Tree Preservation Order Request

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

AUTHORISATION	INITIALS	DATE
Officer recommendation:	CPD	23.02.26
Manager/HoS Authorisation		23.02.26
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Enquiry No: 2

Date received: 3 February 2026

Site visit: 11 February 2026

Town / Parish: Alresford Parish Council

Application No. N/A

Address:

St Andrews Close
Alresford
Essex

1. Site Description

The land on which the trees are situated is a wildlife corridor that runs along 3 sides of the most recently constructed development in St Andrews Close. The land is maintained by EWS Property Management Company on behalf of local residents. The trees in question are situated to the rear of numbers 8 -28 St Andrews Close

2. Trees

Request made in respect of 5 oaks but 6 oaks are considered in this report.

3. Officer Appraisal

Purpose of report

Following a request from a concerned member of the public a site visit and inspection of the trees was made to assess their health and condition and to consider the extent of the contribution that they make to the character and appearance of the locality and the possible threat to their viability.

The purpose of the site visit and inspection was to consider whether any of the trees on the land have such amenity value that they merit protection by means of a tree preservation order.

Amenity

The land on which the trees are situated is a wildlife corridor that runs along 3 sides of the most recently constructed development in St Andrews Close and is maintained by a management company on behalf of local residents.

The trees in question are situated to the rear of numbers 8-28 St Andrews Close

In terms of the amenity value of the trees, they are partially visible above the rooftops and between the dwellings in St Andrews Close and from sections of Ford Lane and Church Road. The contribution that they make to the character and appearance of the locality is recognised however the trees are not prominent features in the street scene and their amenity value is considered to be moderate.

The largest and most important trees on the land have no obvious significant structural defects and have a long safe useful life expectancy.

A dynamic visual assessment of the trees was made at the time of the site visit that determined that the trees are in reasonable health and condition.

Threat to trees

There is a perceived threat felt by at least one local resident, however the trees are growing on land that is controlled and maintained by a grounds maintenance company, and they appear to be professionally managed and cared for.

Recent works have been carried out to trim back branches encroaching into the gardens of properties in St Andrews Close. The works were carried out by a local company to a reasonable standard.

In this regard the concerns raised by a local residents do not appear to justify formal protection.

Suitability for TPO

The trees are mature healthy specimens that features to some degree in the public realm.

Taking into account the current management arrangements for the trees it is considered that they are not at risk of poor management or total removal and consequently they do not merit protection by means of a Tree Preservation Order.

Recommendation

No further action.

Has the decision been published?	YES	NO
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