

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

New Tree Preservation Order Request

DELEGATED DECISION OFFICER REPORT

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Enquiry No: 4

Date received: 21 July and 28 Oct 2025

Site visit: 3 November 2025

Town / Parish: Ardleigh

Application No. Norwich to Tilbury Development
Consent Order (DCO)

Address:

Various sites
Dead Lane
Wick Lane
Home Farm Lane
Lt Bromley Rd
Ardleigh

1. Site Description

The request relates to trees situated in the parish of Ardleigh that are threatened by the Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order (DCO). The trees are primarily situated on and in field boundary hedgerows at the above locations and as identified in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) submitted as part of the above DCO.

2. Trees

Various species primarily Oak.

3. Officer Appraisal

Purpose of report

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.

Following a request from concerned members of the public and the Ardleigh Parish Council 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, including the amenity value of individual trees and the possible threat to their viability.

Amenity

The DCO shows the potential removal of many trees and hedgerows that feature prominently in the public realm. The trees make a significant contribution to the rural character of the area and to the amenity of the locality. Most trees appear, from a visual inspection from the ground, to be in good condition.

In terms of the amenity value of the trees the contribution that they make to the character and appearance of the locality is recognised.

The 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 several of the trees on the land merit formal legal protection.

Threat to trees

The trees are identified for removal in the AIA submitted as part of the Norwich to Tilbury DCO. The amenity and intrinsic value of the trees is such formal protection is justified.

The hedgerows are protected by way of the Hedgerow Regulations 1997.

Suitability for TPO

Several of the trees are early mature and mature healthy specimens that features relatively prominently in the public realm.

Considering the prominent positions of the trees, their amenity value and the risk of removal protection by means of a Tree Preservation Order is considered necessary and expedient.

Recommendation

6 new TPO's to be made to afford protection to threatened trees.

Has the decision been published?	YES	NO
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