

## Report to Planning Committee



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**Location: Gedling Youth Club Centre, 13 Shearing Hill, Gedling**

**Proposal: Protection of a Yew Tree by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)**

**Case Officer: Lewis Widdowson**

**1.0 Purpose**

1.1. To request authorisation to confirm Tree Preservation Order No. 000123 at Gedling Youth Club Centre, 13 Shearing Hill, Gedling.

**2.0 Background**

2.1. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 the Chief Executive, authorised a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) in respect of a mature Yew tree situated at Gedling Youth Club Centre, 13 Shearing Hill, Gedling, following consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2.2. The TPO was made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019. Under the Town and Country Planning Tree Regulations 2012 the Council served the notice on the owners and occupiers of the land affected by the proposed Tree Preservation Order TPO. In addition, a site notice was displayed close to the site informing local residents of the TPO. Interested parties had until the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to submit any representations.

2.3. One representation was submitted in support of the TPO. The main comments are summarised below:

- Ancient Yew trees are very valuable as they can live for 1000 years,
- Trees help convert carbon dioxide into oxygen, and
- Tree provides high level of visual amenity.

2.4. In relation to the above comments I accept that Yew trees can have very long lifespans and consider this to be an important factor when decided whether to confirm a TPO. Whilst it is correct that the Yew tree does produce oxygen, this is true for all trees and as such I do not consider this alone a valid justification for confirming a TPO.

2.5. The Yew tree does however provide a significant level of visual amenity to the surrounding area. It is therefore considered reasonable to confirm the TPO.

**3.0 Proposed Action**

3.1. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, all new Tree Preservation Orders shall be considered by Committee.

3.2. Taking the above comments into consideration I do not consider there are any justifiable reasons to not confirm the above TPO. Authority is therefore sought from the Planning Committee to confirm the above order without amendments.

**4.0 Recommendation: Confirm Tree Preservation Order 000123 without modification.**