





# **Report to Planning Committee**

Location: Coningsby Gardens East, Woodthorpe, Nottinghamshire

Proposal: Protection of group of 7no. Sorbus trees by a Tree

**Preservation Order (TPO)** 

Case Officer: Lewis Widdowson

## 1.0 Purpose

1.1. To request authorisation to confirm Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No. 000142'Coningsby Gardens East'.

# 2.0 Background

- 2.1. Earlier this year the Council were contacted by a local resident regarding works which were allegedly planned to several trees on Coningsby Gardens East.
- 2.2. Upon investigating the matter it was established that the trees in question were not under the protection of a TPO, nor were they situated within a Conservation Area.
- 2.3. On the 12th April 2021 the Council's Arborist visited the site and carried out a TEMPO (Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders) Assessment to determine whether the trees were worthy of protection. The group of trees was given a score of 17/25 and as such their protection by way of a TPO was recommended.

#### 3.0 Provisional TPO

- 3.1. The Gedling Constitution gives delegated authority to Officers, in conjunction with the Chairman / Vice Chair of Planning Committee, for the making of new TPOs. Notwithstanding the above, any new TPO must be considered by Planning Committee prior to being confirmed.
- 3.2. The Head of Development and Place, and Chair of Planning Committee were consulted on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and authorisation was given to proceed with the making of a Provisional TPO.

3.3. Gedling Borough Council made the Provisional TPO, reference 000142, on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### 4.0 Consultation

- 4.1. In accordance with the Town and Country Planning Tree Regulations 2012, the Council served a copy of the notice on the owners and occupiers of the land directly affected by the TPO. In addition to the above, a Site Notice and copy of the provisional TPO was also posted adjacent to the site. Interested parties had until the 13th May 2021 to submit any representations to the Council which would then be taking into consideration when deciding whether to confirm the TPO.
  - 4.2. No representations were received by the Council during the consultation period.

#### 5.0 Consideration

5.1. The group of 7 Sorbus trees located on Coningsby Gardens East are set in a prominent location within the streetscene and provide a significant amount of visual amenity to the public realm. No objections to the TPO were received following the public consultation and it is therefore considered that the TPO should be confirmed without modification.

## 6.0 Recommendation

6.1. Confirm Tree Preservation Order - 000142 'Coningsby Gardens East' without modifications.