



## **Report to the Planning Committee**

**Location:** Land to the Rear of 111 Sandfield Road, Arnold

**Proposal:** Protection of 1 no. Pear tree 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. 000145 'Land to the Rear of 111 Sandfield Road, Arnold'.

### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1. A planning application, reference 2021/0386, was submitted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 for a "Proposed new 3 bed dwelling situated on land to the rear of 111 Sandfield Road, accessed by Churchill Close".
- 2.2. On the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 a request was received from a member of the public to protect a mature pear tree situated on land to the rear of 111 Sandfield Road by way of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).
- 2.3. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 the Council's Arborist visited the site and carried out a TEMPO (Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders) Assessment to determine whether the tree was worthy of protection. The Pear tree was given a score of 16/25 and as such its 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 Chair / 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 Chair of Planning Committee was consulted on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and authorisation was given to proceed with the making of a Provisional TPO.
- 3.3. Gedling Borough Council made the Provisional TPO, reference 000145, on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 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. Interested parties had until the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to submit any representations to the Council which would then be taken into consideration when deciding whether to confirm the TPO.
- 4.2. In total 4 representations were received by the Council supporting the TPO. The main comments are outlined below:
- The tree adds to the landscaping of the area and provides food and shelter for wildlife.
  - Constant removal of trees in the area has had a negative effect in the locality.
  - Tree believed to be over 70yrs old and occupies a prominent location.

#### **5.0 Consideration**

- 5.1. The Pear tree located to the rear of 111 Sandfield Road is considered to be set in a prominent location within the streetscene and provide a significant amount of visual amenity to the public realm. Four letters of support and no objections to the TPO were received following the public consultation and it is therefore considered that the provisional TPO should be confirmed without modification.

#### **6.0 Recommendation**

- 6.1. **Confirm Tree Preservation Order - 000145 'Land to the Rear of 111 Sandfield Road, Arnold' without modifications.**