

Planning Committee

3 May 2017



	Tree Preservation Order
TPO No.	TPO 254/2017
Site Address	Vicarage Cottage, Church Street, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 6RQ
Date Served	2 February 2017
Expiry Date	2 August 2017
Ward	Ashford East
Executive Summary	Confirmation of TPO 254/2017
Recommended Decision	Confirm without modification

MAIN REPORT

1. <u>Details of Order</u>

1.1 On 20 July 2016 Tree Preservation Order 253/2016 was served with immediate effect to protect two Yew trees on this site. However, due to a technicality the Order was not confirmed within the 6 month time period required by the regulations and had therefore expired. In order to ensure continued protection of these trees it was necessary to make a new tree preservation order and this was served on 2 February 2017.

2. Background

- 2.1 An application (16/01043/TCA) was received to fell two Yew trees and reduce a Sycamore tree by 3-4 metres. The applicant stated that the reason for his application was lack of light and the fact that he was concerned his disabled mother would slip on debris from the trees.
- 2.2 The Council's Tree Officer assessed the trees and had no objection to the Sycamore being reduced. However, he felt the Yew trees were in good condition and that their value in the street scene warranted their retention.
- 2.3 After weighing up all the aspects, and based on the condition of the trees, it was agreed that the Yew trees warranted a tree preservation order.
- 2.4 A TPO was therefore made to protect the Yew trees because of their 'significant contribution to the visual amenities of the locality'.

3. <u>Third Party Representations</u>

3.1 As required under the legislation all adjoining properties were served with copies of the Tree Preservation Order. No representations have been received either following the serving of the original order or the new order.

4. <u>Recommendation</u>

4.1 Tree Preservation Order 254/2017 relating to Vicarage Cottage, Church Street, Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 6RQ be confirmed without modification.