

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Objection to Tree Preservation Order – 329-351 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green 2023

Report to: (a) Cheadle Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Report of: (b) Report of the Director for Place Management

Key Decision: (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary: Objection has been raised to the creation of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at 329-351 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green

Officer seeks to justify the creation of the TPO and defend inclusion of tree to the rear of 339 Wilmslow Road

Recommendation(s):

Uphold the creation of the TPO, without amendment

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

There are none.

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': (f) **YES / NO** (please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on _____ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

Objection to Tree Preservation Order – 329-351 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green 2023

Report of the Director for Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of an objection/s received to a proposed Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at 329-352 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green 2023
- 1.2 To ensure that objections to the TPO are appropriately and efficiently considered.

2. INFORMATION AND ADVICE

- 2.1. In considering the objection the Area Committee should be mindful that the Council has a responsibility to protect trees under threat, provided that the fulfil the criteria for inclusion in a Tree Preservation Order.

3. OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS

- 3.1. The specific objections and points contained within each letter have been analysed and detailed below together with the response.

Objection 1 reason: It is suggested that the tree to rear of 339 is in an unsafe condition

Response

Objection 1 reason: The tree was found to be in good health and free from structural defect i.e. is not unsafe

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The Council has a duty to protected vulnerable trees, which are worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1. To comply with section 198 of the Town & Country Planning Act, the sealed Tree Preservation Order contains details of how objections may be made.
- 6.2. The Committee should make a decision in respect of the objection/s received so that the Provisional TPO can be Confirmed.

7. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

7.1. None

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. It is recommended that:

- a) the Area Committee note all Tree Preservation Orders where objections have been considered by officers;
- b) the Area Committee accept the recommendations of the Arboricultural Officer and allow the TPO to be Confirmed, without amendment.
- c) That the objectors are informed of the decision.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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