

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE 6 SEPTEMBER 2010

OBJECTIONS TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 619 (PARKFIELD HOUSE, HOLMAN WAY, TOPSHAM, EXETER) 2010

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report gives details of objections that have been received by the Council to Exeter City Council Tree Preservation Order No. 619 (Parkfield House, Holman Way, Topsham, Exeter) 2010. The Committee is requested to determine whether to confirm, modify or refuse to confirm the Order. If an Order is confirmed (with or without modification) the protection that it provides becomes permanent but if it is not confirmed it ceases to have effect.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Tree Preservation Order No. 619 protects a Thuja tree in the garden Parkfield House, Holman Way, Topsham, Exeter.
- 2.2 Tree Preservation Order No. 619 was made following the receipt of a Section 211 notification to fell the tree.
- 2.3 The Order was signed on 10 May 2010 and remains in force for a period of six months. If the Order is confirmed the protection becomes permanent, if the Order is not confirmed it ceases to have effect.

3. POINTS RAISED BY THE OBJECTORS

- 3.1 Two letters of objection have been received.
- 3.2 The objection from the owner can be summarised as follows:
- The tree is overshadowing the rest of the garden to the detriment of the plants there.
- 3.3 An objection received from a neighbour can be summarised as follows:
- No desire to see the tree preserved and do not object to its removal.

4. OBSERVATIONS

- 4.1
- The tree is situated in a large garden and while the tree cast shadows during the day, the size of the garden ensures a large proportion is always unaffected by shade at any given time.
 - The tree is situated behind the wall fronting Holman Way and is clearly visible. It has visual amenity value and is an important feature in the streetscene and as part of the conservation area.

4.2 At the Southern Area Working Party on 18 August 2010 Members agreed to support the officer recommendation to confirm the Order.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is recommended that the Order be confirmed.

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Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)

Background papers used in compiling this report:

1. Council to Exeter City Council Tree Preservation Order No 619 (Parkfield House, Holman Way, Topsham, Exeter) 2010.