

## PLANNING COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2021

### PART I - DELEGATED

#### 5. **Consideration of objections and confirmation of the Three Rivers (No.8 Dugdales, Croxley Green) Tree Preservation Order 2020 – TPO 922 (DCES)**

##### 1. **Summary**

- 1.1 To consider representations made in respect of the Three Rivers (No.8 Dugdales, Croxley Green) Tree Preservation Order 2020 (TPO922). This report sets out the officer recommendation to confirm the order.

##### 2. **Details**

- 2.1 The Three Rivers (No.8 Dugdales, Croxley Green) Tree Preservation Order 2020 was made on 4 December 2020. This Order protected one Pine tree.

This TPO was made after a full visual inspection and TEMPO evaluation of the tree and its significant amenity value in the area. The tree is located in a Conservation Area, and the applicant submitted a tree works application to fell this tree. Due to the tree being located in a Conservation Area, the Local Authority had an opportunity to consider whether to protect the tree. Due to its significant amenity value, we decided to serve a TPO to protect it.

- 2.2 An objection to the making of the Order dated 15 December 2020 was received.

##### 3. **Officer Summary of Objections and Support**

- 3.1 The objector is concerned that the roots of the tree are damaging the manhole cover, and that the tree could potentially be causing damage to underground pipework. They are also concerned that if the tree is not felled, the mains water pipework could be compromised in future, as the mains water meter is close to the base of the tree.

##### 4. **Officer Response to Objection**

- 4.1 The tree is currently contributing public amenity value, and this amenity value merits protection by Tree Preservation Order. There is no evidence that the tree is damaging the water pipework, and the damage to the surface of the driveway is minimal. It has not been demonstrated, that it has been caused by the roots of the tree.

##### 5. **Options/Reasons for Recommendation**

- 5.1 There are 2 options available to the Committee:
- 5.1.1 To confirm the Order.
- 5.1.2 Not to confirm the Order. This would mean that the tree could be removed.

##### 6. **Policy/Budget Reference and Implications**

- 6.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets.

##### 7. **Financial, Legal, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

- 7.1 None specific.

##### 8. **Recommendation**

8.1 Option 1, to confirm the Order.

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Background Papers TPO922