

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS:

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:</p>	<p>People This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</p> <p>Place This priority focuses on the standard of the built environment and our neighbourhoods and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p>Prosperity This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic and social opportunities.</p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>The properties affected by the revoking of the old TPOs have been written to outlining the details of the resurvey and the recommendations.</p> <p>The properties affected by the new TPOs were served the new orders on 2nd March 2012. As per the TPO legislation those served the TPO had 28 days to object. The responses to each new TPO is detailed below:</p> <p>TPO 566 – No letters of objection received. TPO 567 – Requisition for Information forms received detailing some minor errors in the TPO detail. The First Schedule: The Specification of Trees and the TPO map have been amended (see background paper 3.) TPO 568 - No letters of objection received. TPO 569 – An objection has been received regarding the inclusion of an individual tree listed in TPO 569. The resident's concern relates to the proximity of the tree to the boundary of their property. This objection has been considered by the Arboricultural Officer and it is recommended that the TPO protection should be retained as the tree contributes to the amenity value of the area.</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>A TPO is a legal document that prohibits the cutting down, topping, lopping, wilful damage, wilful destruction of any tree, tree group or woodland specified in the First Schedule of the TPO.</p>

Financial:	An external Arboricultural Specialist advised on the resurvey of the TPOs as part of an existing contract. Revenue has been expended on the work carried out by this consultant. Not moving forward with the recommendations and improving the documents we hold would have an adverse affect on the Council's resource use.
Human Resource:	There are none.
Risk Management:	<p>The risks of approving the recommendations in this report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are none. <p>The risks involved in not approving the recommendations in this report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ineffective use of officer time • Mis-interpretation of the TPO documents by officers and the public • The loss of amenity value in the district if trees cannot be correctly identified and protected • Public perception of the Council for using outdated documents