

**Committee: Planning**

**Agenda Item**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015**

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**Title: Tree Preservation Order No. 06/14  
Elsenham Nurseries, Stansted Road,  
Elsenham.**

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Item for decision

### **Summary**

This item seeks the Committee's consideration of objections received in respect of provisional Tree Preservation Order No. 06/14 Elsenham Nurseries, Stansted Road, Elsenham.

### **Recommendations**

1. Tree Preservation Order No. 06/14 is confirmed with amendments.

### **Financial Implications**

*None*

### **Background Papers**

2. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

TPO No. 06/14 Elsenham.  
Letters of objection dated 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

### **Impact**

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Communication/Consultation	Notice of TPO confirmation served on owner/occupier of land. Objectors advised of Committee decision.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None

Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

## Situation

4. Provisional Tree Preservation Order No. 06/14 was made on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The order covers woodland at Elsenham Nursery site [appendix 1].
5. The grounds of objection to the making of the order are summarised as follows: The full extent of the woodland as set out within the order does not have amenity value; there is no evidence that the site, or amenity value of the trees, were assessed prior to the order being made; 50% of the area covered by the woodland designation is open space; it is not expedient to make a TPO as the site is under good arboricultural management.
6. The site has been inspected by the Council's Landscape Officer and the amenity value of the trees assessed. It was considered expedient to make a provisional tree preservation order in the context of development proposals being brought forward for the site. There was found no evidence of active management of the woodland trees. Within parts of the woodland described in the order there are clearings. It is considered appropriate for the woodland designation to be amended to exclude these open areas and for two groups of trees, and two individual trees to be described [appendix 2].
7. The proposed amended first schedule of the TPO would include T1. Oak; T2. Oak; G1. 7 Oak, 1 Sycamore, 1 Ash, 5 Hawthorn; and W1. mixed deciduous woodland including Oak, Ash, Hornbeam, Cheery, Birch, and Beech.

## 8. Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
1. There are no risks associated with the recommendation	1. None	1. No impact	None

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

Appendix 1: Location plan



Appendix 2: Amended TPO map.

