



**DECISION
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**

DECISION No. 169 DE 16/17

SUBJECT: District of North Somerset – Land to the rear of 40-46 Woodhill Road, Portishead (No. 1035) Tree Preservation Order 2016.

DETAILS:

Tree Preservation Order 1035 was made 18 February 2016 to protect all trees standing in the area marked A1 on the map. The period for receipt of objections has now expired.

After six months from the date a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is made the trees protected therein lose the protection of the section 201 direction. If the council wish to confirm the TPO as it stands, or confirm it subject to modification, the decision must be made before the end of the six months.

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIONS:

One objection and no other comments were received.

The main objection was that the trees standing within the area may not be stable because of a shallow rooting environment but also that the trees were 'self sown' and as such had low amenity value.

Council response: The larger trees have been growing here for several decades and have reached a reasonable size without failing. They are reasonably well sheltered and as such the risk of failure is likely to be low. However, should the tree owner or other party wish to remove the trees for any reason, an application to fell or prune the trees, with the appropriate supporting evidence would be looked at objectively in the normal way. Tree work applications are free of charge.

The trees are visible from the nearby roads of Fircliff Park, Woodhill Road and The Knoll, though the best view is from Fircliff Park. The trees certainly add to the wooded character of the area and as such their amenity value is judged to be significant.

DECISION:

That Tree Preservation Order 1035 is confirmed without modification.

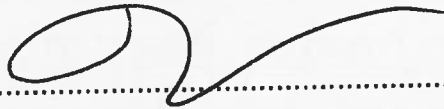
Reasons:

1. The trees are visible to the general public and contribute to the green infrastructure and biodiversity of the area.
2. The trees appear to be in reasonable condition with reasonable life expectancy.
3. The council has received information suggesting that trees are to be felled in advance of a development planning application. The trees are therefore considered to be under threat and the making of the Tree Preservation Order will ensure that the trees are properly considered as part of the planning process in the interests of public amenity.

Other Alternatives Considered:

None.

Signed.....



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Manager, Natural Environment, Streets
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exercising the powers of the Director of
Development and Environment.

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