Report of Head of Planning & Enforcement TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED), SECTIONS 198-201 AND 203

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 774 (TPO 774): PARK LANE BETWEEN SHELLEY LANE AND BARRINGTON DRIVE, HAREFIELD



Photo 1: The subject two Ash trees

Photo 2: The subject Sycamore

1.0 Summary

1.1 To consider whether or not to confirm TPO 774.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That TPO 774 is confirmed.

3.0 Information

3.1 The making of TPO 774 was authorised under delegated powers on 13th June 2018, because we were led to believe that the land owner would shortly be removing these trees as part of a whole site clearance.

3.2 These three trees contribute to the amenity and arboreal character of the local area. They are prominent features in the streetscene and merit protection on amenity grounds.

3.3 The trees have a long-life expectancy and so have the potential to develop into significant landscape features that will provide amenity for decades to come.

4.0 The Objection

4.1 A formal objection (summarised verbatim below) to TPO 774 was received from Mr Zafrani (Owner of the land) for the following reason:

1. Technical issues: Mr Zafrani believes the process to make this TPO was unfair towards himself.

5.0 Observations on the objections to TPO 774:

1. The process for the creation of this TPO started following a number of local residents raising their concerns about the area being cleared. Following this an assessment was carried out on all the trees within the site to determine whether a new TPO should be made. This assessment followed Government advice, in terms of the trees' visibility and amenity in the local landscape. The decision was that three of the trees were valuable enough to warrant the creation of a new TPO. The new TPO was severed on the land owner by email and attaching the documents to each protected tree.

6.0 Other matters:

There were no other objections to TPO 774.

Three local residents wrote in to support the creation of TPO 774.

7.0 Conclusion

It is recommended that TPO 774 be confirmed.

The following background documents were used in the preparation of this report:

- Provisional Tree Preservation Order No. 774 (2018)
- Email of objection to TPO 774
- Emails and Letters of Support to TPO 774