

**At a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 2 on WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2018 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Jackson in the Chair

Councillors Bell, M. Dixon, English, I. Galbraith, Haswell, Hodson, Lauchlan, Mordey, Porthouse, Rowntree, Williams and Watson

**Declarations of Interest**

The City of Sunderland Tree Preservation (No. 172) Order 2018 at Land Between 20 Woodside Grove and 1 Cranborne, East Herrington, Sunderland

Councillor English made an open declaration as a Member of the Gentoo Board and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Hodson made an open declaration that family members lived in this street but that he still retained an open mind on the Order.

Councillor Porthouse made an open declaration that he had helped facilitate a meeting between residents and Gentoo and at no time had he tried to influence the Tree Preservation Order and still retained an open mind on the Order.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chequer, Essl, Farthing, Francis, Johnston, Mullen, Scaplehorn, Scullion, P. Smith, P. Walker and D. Wilson.

**Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**Report of the meetings of the Development Control (North Sunderland)  
Sub Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**

The report of the meetings of the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 (copies circulated) were submitted.

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2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

**Report of the meetings of the Development Control (South Sunderland)  
Sub Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018**

The report of the meetings of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub-Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018 (copies circulated) were submitted.

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3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

**Report of the meetings of the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

The report of the meetings of the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 (copies circulated) were submitted.

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4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

**The City of Sunderland Tree Preservation (No. 172) Order 2018 at Land  
Between 20 Woodside Grove and 1 Cranborne, East Herrington,  
Sunderland**

The Executive Director of Economy and Place (amended) submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised the Committee with regards to two objections that had been received in response to the making of a Provisional Tree Preservation Order in respect of trees at the site between Woodside Grove and Cranborne, East Herrington and to ask that the Committee consider both the objections received and the contents of the report, and indicate its support (or otherwise) to the view of the Executive Director of Economy and Place that

Tree Preservation (No. 172) Order, 2018 at land between 20 Woodside Grove and 1 Cranborne, East Herrington, Sunderland, be confirmed, without modifications.

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Andrew Browning, Principal Planning Officer presented the report and advised Members of an amendment within the report, and it should read, Report of the Executive Director of Economy and Place and not The Chief Executive.

Councillor Hodson requested clarification with regards to the claim that this was an instrument to prevent development on the land and commented that this would only be a material concern as a potential developer could still rearrange the plots to accommodate the trees on the site.

Mr Browning advised that this was correct and Officers would have to be confident that any proposal would not be harmful to the trees but also it was still possible for the developer to propose the trees be removed and it would be a question of value for the development and if this outweighed the value of the trees so Officers would have to consider the circumstances of each individual case when determining a recommendation for Members.

Councillor Haswell raised a number of queries in relation to the quality of the trees and how they had scored. Mr Browning provided the detailed scores and advised that these had been completed via an independent arboricultural officer.

Full consideration having been given to the item, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the Committee considered the contents of this report and the objections received and indicated its support to the view of the Executive Director of Economy and Place that Tree Preservation (no.172) Order, 2018 at Land Between 20 Woodside Grove and 1 Cranborne East Herrington, Sunderland, be confirmed without modification.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) J. JACKSON  
(Chairman)