

Procedure in Relation to Objections Received Against the Confirmation of a TPO

Having regard to the above, the following procedure for considering objections to Tree Preservation Orders was approved by Planning Committee on 15 July 2016:

- (1) The objector will be given the opportunity to comment on the officer report in writing and his/her comments will be reported to Committee.
- (2) The Committee will conduct a site visit if they consider it necessary to view the Tree Preservation Order site. Site visits are:
 - fact finding exercises;
 - to enable officers to point out relevant features;
 - to enable Members' questions of fact to be asked on site for clarification;
 - not part of the formal consideration of the matter and therefore public rights of attendance do not apply.

Discussion on the matter will only take place at the subsequent committee meeting as all relevant parties may not be in attendance on site.

- (3) At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, the written submissions will be considered. The Committee may also consider representations from third parties. Having considered all representations, the Committee will decide whether to confirm the Order. Objectors and third parties will be able to attend the Committee meeting and speak in accordance with the Authority's Public Participation at Meetings Scheme.

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