

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER: EEL HOLE WOOD, HUCKNALL
2008 WAT/15**1. Purpose of report

To seek permission to vary the Tree Preservation Order WAT/16 Eel Hole Wood, Hucknall 2008 in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

2. Introduction

An application has been received from the landowner to fell various trees to allow the implementation of essential flood prevention measures, supported by Nottinghamshire County Council's Flood Prevention Team.

3. Appraisal

The TPO WAT/16 was applied in 2008. Since the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was applied there have been various flooding events to properties along Polperro Way, Hucknall due to surface water run-off and the inability of the present drainage system to deal with extreme weather events. Broxtowe Borough Council have also had numerous complaints from residents of Hucknall about the proximity of trees to buildings, overhanging trees and dangerous trees growing adjacent to the properties at Polperro Way.

After various meetings with the land owner and Mr N Clarke from Nottinghamshire County Council's Flood Prevention Team it has been suggested by officers of Broxtowe Borough Council that a satisfactory resolution would be to vary the TPO by removing the protection from the first 20m of woodland along the boundary with Polperro Way, Christchurch Road, Hucknall. This would then allow the land owner to implement the flood prevention measures as recommended and to be supervised by Nottinghamshire County Council Flood Prevention Team. This would also allow the land owner to deal with the other tree issues that concerned residents have raised. The remaining woodland would be unaffected by the change and still retain the benefits of protection from the TPO.

Maps of the current and proposed TPO areas are included at the appendix.

4. Conclusion

It is the Tree Officer's opinion that by allowing the varying of the TPO in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 that it would allow the installation of a working flood prevention scheme, new dyke, bunds and an attenuation pond area to control the flow of water from the area. There would be an access track to allow periodic maintenance of the water course and all tree concerns from the residents of the area can be dealt with by the land owner.

Replacement planting will not be required as the planned drainage works will require ongoing free access to the drainage lines for the purposes of maintenance thus ensuring that the housing on Polperro Way is no longer are put at risk of flooding.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that permission be granted for the varying of the Tree Preservation Order so that essential flood prevention measures can be implemented.

Background paper; Application to fell





