

Report

Report to:	Cambuslang & Rutherglen Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 June 2007
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Unauthorised Tree Felling Within Tree Preservation Order Area Fernhill School, Fernbrae Avenue, Rutherglen
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1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ To seek authority to serve a Tree Replacement Notice in respect of the Unauthorised Felling of Trees within the Tree Preservation Order Area at Fernhill School.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that Committee agree to take the appropriate action in serving a Tree Replacement Notice in order to rectify the Breach of Planning Control.

3 Background

- 3.1 The grounds of Fernhill School are covered by Tree Preservation Order No. GDC39 which was served by Glasgow District Council in May 1985 and confirmed in January 1986. A complaint from a member of the public was received on 13 April 2006, regarding trees being felled within the school. No permission for this had been given by either the Planning Authority or the Council's Arboricultural Officers. At that time the school was advised that no further felling should take place.
- 3.2 The Council was again contacted on Sunday 16 April 2006 as further tree felling was taking place. An officer visited the site and again advised the school that work should cease.
- 3.3 A letter was sent to Fernhill School on 18 April 2006, confirming that no further works should take place. The school was also informed that replacement trees, of an appropriate size and species, should be planted as soon as reasonably possible.
- 3.4 A meeting was held in the school grounds on 26 April 2006 at which it was agreed that no further works should take place, and that a report detailing the trees covered by the Tree Preservation Order, showing them numbered and plotted on a map and describing any works required, be submitted to the Planning Office. The Council would then advise the school if the works were necessary, and detail the proposed replanting to be carried out. A letter was sent on the 27 April 2006 to the school confirming the above.

3.5 A reminder letter was sent to Fernhill School on 30 May 2006. Subsequently, a Tree Survey Report was received on 21 June 2006, but minus the plotting map and details of replanting. A further letter dated 24 October 2006 was sent to the school advising that the plotting and details for replanting should be sent to the Planning Office within 21 days. A Planning Contravention Notice was then served on the Company Secretary of Fernhill School Ltd, on 16 November 2006 and a further letter was sent on 12 December 2006.

3.6 On 15 December 2006, the School telephoned the Planning Office and advised that the contractors had been told to plot the trees. A further two letters were sent to the contractors and copied to the School on 6 and 21 February 2007 looking for the details. No reply to this correspondence has been received.

4 Current Implications

4.1 The situation remains the same, in that no plotting of the trees has been received, and no details provided of any proposed tree planting.

5 Personnel Implications

5.1 The recommended action, (serving of a Tree Replacement Notice), can be supported from existing staff resources.

6 Budgetary Implications

6.1 None

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Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

- Photos of site
- Map of site

Contact for Further Information

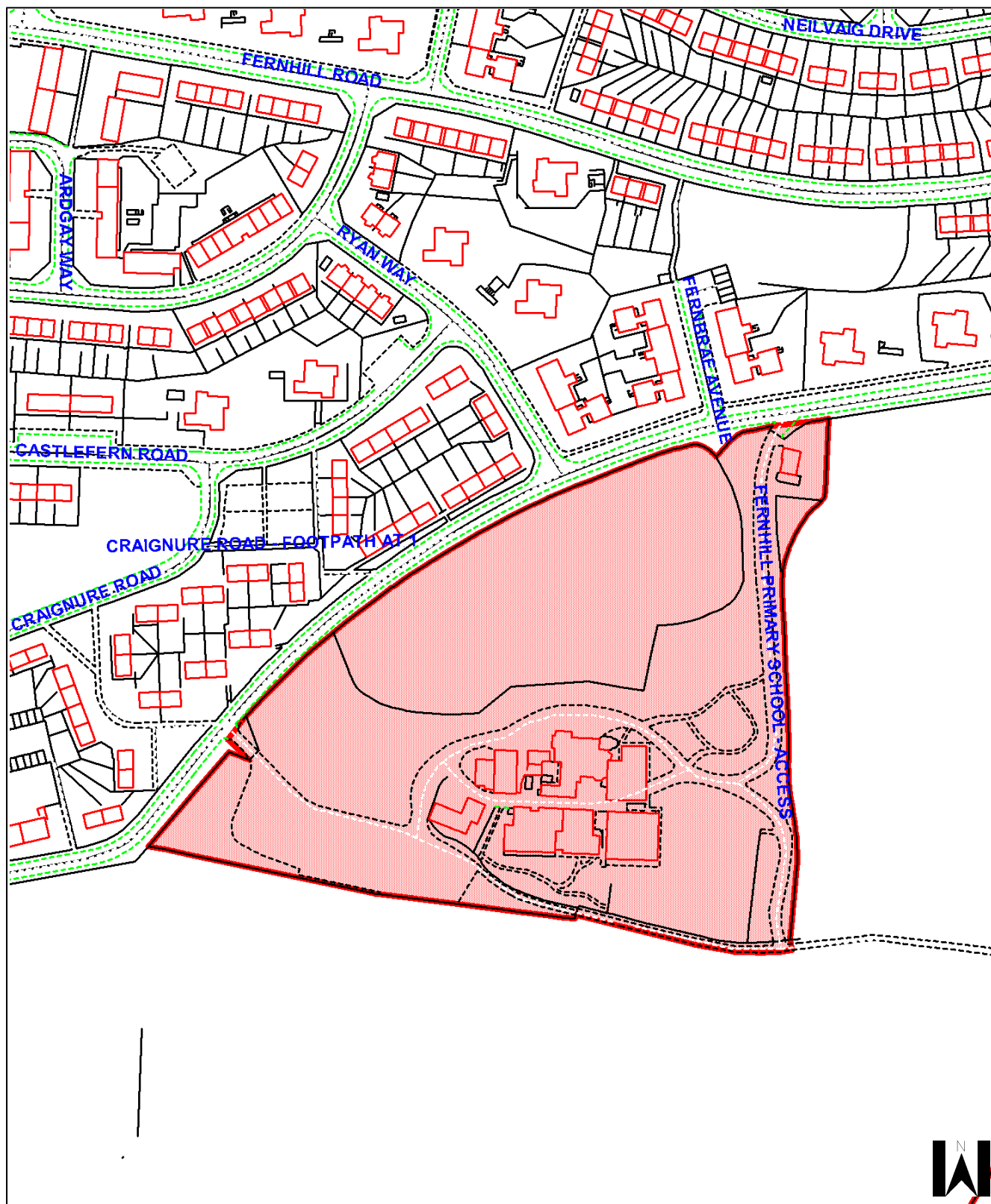
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