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Report to:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 March 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Tree Preservation Order – Blackwood Estate, Blackwood
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ Seek approval for the making of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on the trees at Blackwood Estate which fall within the boundary shown on the accompanying plan.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that a Provisional Tree Preservation Order be promoted under the terms of Section 163 (Provisional Tree Preservation Order) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 on the area of ground shown on the attached plan.
- (2) that this Provisional Tree Preservation Order be confirmed within six months from the date of this Order should there be no objections.

3. Background

3.1 The trees are located within the grounds of Blackwood Estate, Blackwood. The trees consist of a mix of native and ornamental broadleaf species, including copper beech and oak in a park land setting in the middle of Blackwood Estate. There are also lime trees which may have formed an avenue leading to the former Blackwood House. The site extends to 3.6 hectares and consists of former agricultural fields that have become overgrown, and is bordered on three sides by the former estate roads and tracks which now provide access to a number of residential properties in the area. The southern edge of the site is defined by deciduous woodland through which runs a right of way. The trees within the site are considered to make a positive contribution to the overall woodland setting of the wider Blackwood Estate with the mix of species and their position providing a reminder of the now demolished Blackwood House and the Estate's history.

4 Policy History

4.1 The site is identified in the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Plan as being a housing development site. Detailed planning consent has been granted for the erection of a total of five dwellings (planning references CL/07/0508 and CL/09/0099) with a further amendment to a house design (CL/09/0518) also granted. The five houses have been positioned to minimise loss or damage to the existing trees.

5 Grounds for Making the TPO

- 5.1 The reason for making the TPO is that the existing trees are considered to have a high amenity value. The principle of residential development of the site has been established and the layout for the five houses takes due cognisance of the trees and their visual importance for the development site but also the entire Blackwood Estate. Each of the dwellings will have substantial garden ground however to ensure the retention of the trees and to avoid inappropriate lopping or pruning, the promotion of a TPO is considered necessary.

6 Employee Implications

- 6.1 None.

7 Financial Implications

- 7.1 None.

8 Equality Impact and Consultation Arrangement

- 8.1 Consultations have taken place with the Council's Arboricultural Manager. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.

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9 March 2010

Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Improve the Quality of the Physical Environment (Source: Connect)

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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