

Report

Report to:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 March 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Tree Preservation Order – Cityford Drive and Kingsbridge Drive, Rutherglen
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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 between Cityford Drive and Kingsbridge Drive, Rutherglen 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 areas identified on the attached plan; and
- (2) that the Provisional Tree Preservation Order be confirmed within 6 months from the date of this Order, should there be no objections.

3. Background

3.1 The trees that are subject to the proposed TPO relate to 2 areas. Firstly, along the dividing boundary between properties at 39 to 49 Cityford Drive and 393 to 403 Kingsbridge Drive, Rutherglen and, secondly, an area of amenity open space to the rear of 27 to 33 Cityford Drive, 208 to 214 Landemer Drive, 407 to 411 Kingsbridge Drive and 29 to 39 Watt Low Avenue, Rutherglen. The trees are considered to contribute to the character, amenity and sense of place of that locality and the surrounding area of Bankhead, Rutherglen. The trees are of notable visibility by virtue of their positioning within the landscape. The land to the rear of Cityford Drive sits at a higher level to the properties to the rear and the collective value and size of the trees that sit between these properties makes a significant contribution to the amenity of the area and the wider green infrastructure and network. It is considered that the trees are at risk as a result of trees that have been removed and also inappropriate tree pruning that has been carried out to the detriment of the trees safe useful life expectancy, amenity and green value within the area. The promotion of a TPO would not stop maintenance works being undertaken to the trees, but it would require such works to be agreed in advance with the Council to ensure that no inappropriate work takes place.

4. Policy History

4.1 The area covered by the proposed TPO is identified in both the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan and Proposed South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2 as being within a designated residential area and, as such, are highly residential in nature. The area of woodland to the rear of 27 to 33 Cityford Drive, 208 to 214 Landemer Drive, 407 to 411 Kingsbridge Drive and 29 to 39 Watt Low

Avenue is also designated as priority greenspace and as part of the green network in both Plans. Therefore, the protection of these trees through the promotion of a TPO would not be contrary to the Development Plan as it would safeguard the green network as well as ensuring the residential amenity of the area is protected.

5. Grounds for Making the TPO

- 5.1 The reason for making the TPO is that the group of trees and woodland feature identified within the proposed order contribute to the character, amenity and sense of place at Cityford Drive, Kingsbridge Drive and Low Watt Avenue and surrounding area of Bankhead, Rutherglen. The trees are of notable visibility by virtue of their collective value, size, and elevated location and contribute to the wider green infrastructure and network. In order to ensure that only appropriate maintenance is undertaken and prevent the indiscriminate removal of the trees and future retention of the trees, the promotion of a TPO is considered necessary.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1 None.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 None.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no significant implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1 There are no significant implications for risk in terms of the information contained in this report.

10. Equality Impact and Consultation Arrangement

- 10.1 Consultation has taken place with the Council's Arboricultural Manager who has recommended that a Tree Preservation Order be placed on the trees in question.
- 10.2 There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.

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2 March 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities (Source: Connect)

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

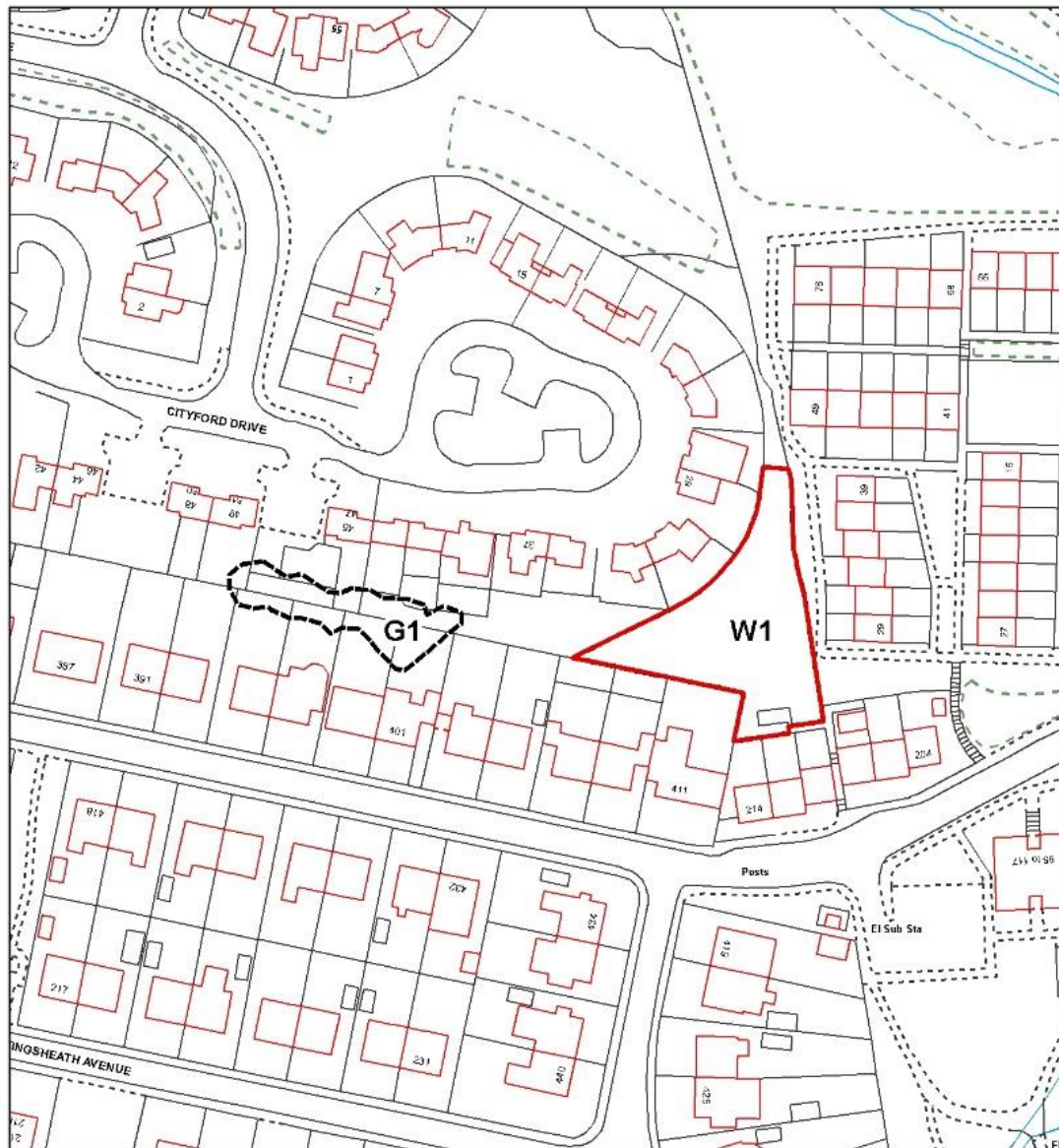
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Tree Preservation Order - No SL58

Areas between Cityford Drive and Kingsbridge Drive, Rutherglen



This is the plan referred to in the foregoing Tree Preservation Order

Schedule :

T1: None

A1: None

G1: 8 trees of whatever species (including sycamore, hawthorn, and ash trees) standing within the area G1 on the map

W1: Whatever species (including Alder, hawthorn, ash, cherry, oak and birch trees) within the area marked W1 on the map

Community and Enterprise Resources Planning & Building Standards Services

Date: 2nd March 2021

Scale: 1:1,250



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