

Blaby District Council

Planning Committee

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| Date of Meeting | 28 July 2022 |
| Title of Report | Blaby District Council (The Brantings, Glenfield) Tree Preservation Order 2022 |
| Report Author | Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager |

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider whether or not to confirm the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) made on the 19th May 2022 on the trees situated on the piece of land to the north west of Glenfield.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Planning Committee approve the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order on Land northwest of Glenfield, as modified.
- 2.2 That Authority be delegated to the Planning and Economic Development Group Manager to confirm the Tree Preservation Order on Land northwest of Glenfield

3. Reason for Decision(s) Recommended

- 3.1 Having considered the representations received regarding the TPO, it is considered that there are insufficient grounds not to confirm the modified Order. The area of trees provides important visual amenity from Glen Park Avenue, Overdale Avenue, Overdale Close, Groby Road, Barrows Lane and a Public Right of Way.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

The initial area TPO was made on 19th May 2022 in response to a request from a member of the public to protect a number of trees on land north of Glenfield which were considered to be worthy of protection. The trees are located on a site put forward for housing development as part of a 'call for sites' undertaken between March and May 2019 to inform possible sites for development as part of the new Blaby Local Plan. The site is referenced GLE032 on the 'Map of Assessed Sites' but no decisions have yet been made as to whether the site is likely to be allocated for housing development.

A site visit was undertaken by Officers of the Council to initially assess the merits of the trees and their worthiness for formal protection. Due to the size of the site put forward as part of the 'call for sites', and the need to issue the TPO promptly to avoid potential for loss of trees, the initial provisional TPO covered an area of approximately 50 hectares, and covered all trees within this area. The area is covered predominantly by open fields with hedgerows and hedgerow trees. The site is located to the immediate northwest of Glenfield and whilst the majority is not publicly accessible as it forms agricultural land, it is visible from several public highways around the perimeter and two public footpaths (R40 and R51) which cross the site. The public footpaths provide a route from Barrows Lane across a section of the site to Sacheverell Way.

The trees on the site are also visible from public viewpoints around the perimeter of the site, which includes the A50 Groby Road to the northeast, the A46 Leicester Western Bypass to the northwest, dwellings on Glen Park Avenue, Overdale Avenue and Branting Hill Avenue to the north, and from the Ivanhoe Trail (a cycle route) to the south.

Following the issuing of the provisional TPO, Leicestershire County Council's Principal Tree and Woodlands Manager attended a further site visit and returned to carry out a further assessment of the trees subject to the Tree Preservation Order to assess which trees within the initial area Order are of significant public amenity value to warrant protection.

This was followed up by a site visit by the Leicestershire County Council Forestry Officer, who carried out a Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders Assessment (TEMPO) which gave certain trees/ group of trees within the site scores of 15, meaning a TPO was defensible for these trees.

In response to the TEMPO assessment, the original TPO has been amended to only protect those trees or groups of trees on the site which are considered to be of significant amenity value to warrant protection. These are now individually shown or shown within groups or woodlands on the modified Order. Other trees of insufficient amenity value, which were originally protected by the original area TPO, would now no longer be protected if the modified Order is confirmed.

4.2 Representations received

Seven responses were received from two members of the public and one letter from the agent acting on behalf of the land owners.

Three of the public responses were seeking clarification of the provisional TPO and requesting that additional trees are also assessed for a TPO. Another two responses were received supporting the provisional TPO, along with the final responses from the agent stating that the wide ranging TPO implications were impractical and requested that the trees be assessed for suitability for a TPO.

Consideration of Representations Received

As previously stated, the Forestry and Arboricultural Officer at Leicestershire County Council was consulted for his professional opinion as to the suitability of the various trees for protection by means of a TPO. The Forestry and Arboricultural Officer evaluated the initial area TPO and assessed which individual trees and group of trees were worthy of protection.

4.3 Conclusions

It is the view of your Officers that the individual trees and groups of trees shown on the modified TPO are worth preserving due to their public amenity value and contribution to the local landscape. Having regard to the points raised by the representations received (Appendix F) and the professional advice received from Leicestershire County Council's Forestry and Arboricultural Officer, your Officers have balanced all other issues and considered that there is no over-riding reason not to confirm the modified Tree Preservation Order.

5. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

5.1 Not applicable

6. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

6.1 There are no risks.

7. Other options considered

7.1 That the Tree Preservation Order not be confirmed. This option is not recommended for the reasons given in the report.

8. Other significant issues

8.1 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities, and Climate Local and there are no areas of concern.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix A – Provisional Tree Preservation Order

9.2 Appendix B- Modification of Tree Preservation Order

9.3 Appendix C – Representations Received

9.4 Appendix D – Photos of Trees

10. Report author's contact details

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Appendix A – Provisional Tree Preservation Order

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Blaby District Council (The Brantings, Glenfield) Tree Preservation Order 2022

The Blaby District Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 198 and 201 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 make the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as Blaby District Council (The Brantings, Glenfield) Tree Preservation Order 2022.

Interpretation

2. – (1) In this Order “the authority” means the Blaby District Council.
(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and any reference to a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation so numbered in the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

Effect

3. – (1) Subject to Article 4, this Order takes effect provisionally **with immediate effect** on the date on which it is made.
(2) Without prejudice to subsection (7) of Section 198 (power to make tree preservation orders) or subsection (1) of Section 200 (tree preservation orders: Forestry Commissioners) and, subject to the exceptions in regulation 14, no person shall –
 - (a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy; or
 - (b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, wilful damage or wilful destruction of,

any tree specified in the Schedule to this Order except with the written consent of the authority in accordance with regulations 16 and 17, or of the Secretary of State in accordance with regulation 23, and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.

Application to trees to be planted pursuant to a condition

4. - In relation to any tree identified in the first column of the Schedule by the letter “C”, being a tree to be planted pursuant to a condition imposed under paragraph (a) or Section 197 (planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees), this Order takes effect as from the time when the tree is planted.

Dated this 19th day of May 2022

Signed on behalf of the Blaby District Council

T. White
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Authorised by the Council to sign in that behalf

SCHEDULE

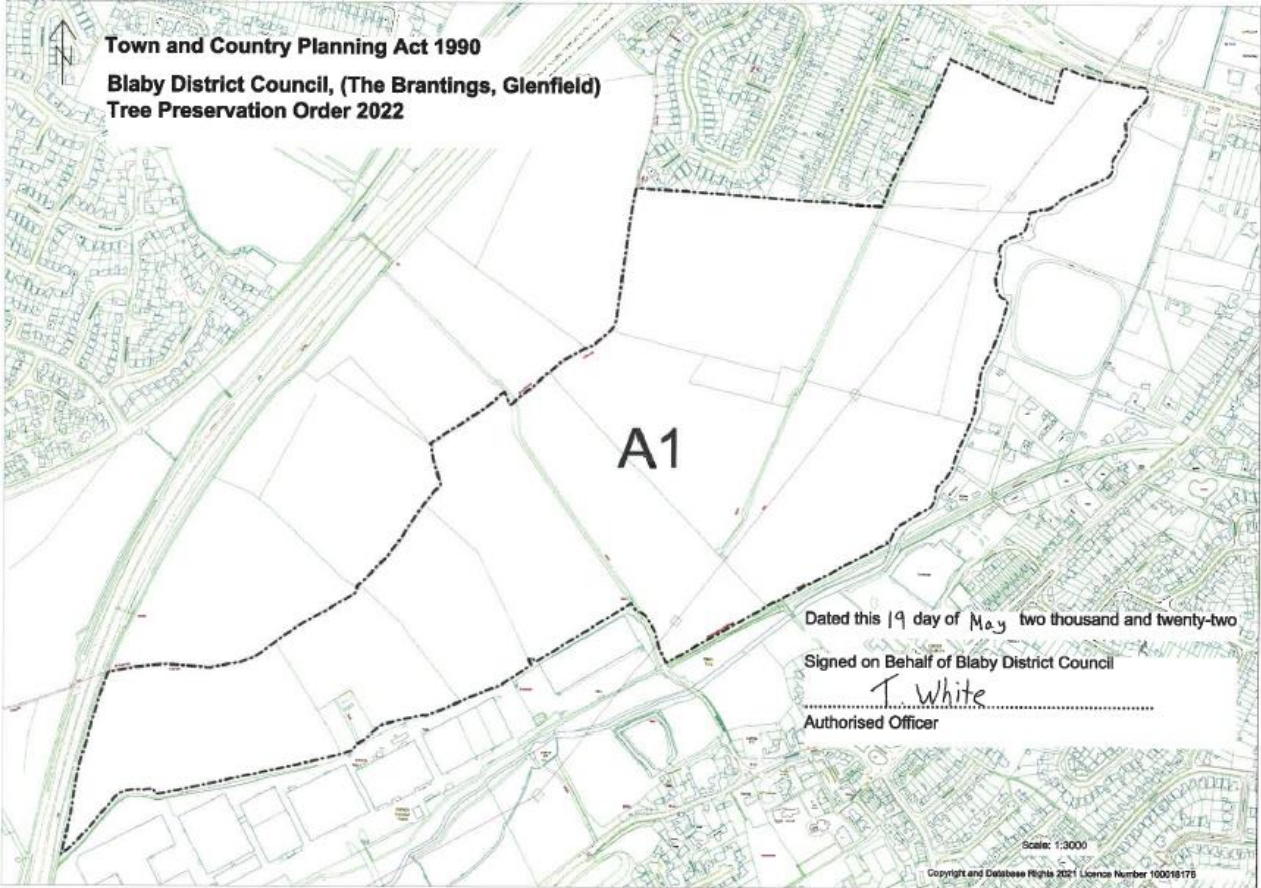
SPECIFICATION OF TREES

Trees specified by reference to an area

(within a dotted black line on the map)

| <i>Reference on map</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Situation</i> |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| A1 | Trees (of whatever species) within the area marked A1 on the map | Land within the area of Branting Hill, covering the area between the A50 Groby Road and the A46 Leicester Western Bypass, to the east of the boundary with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough and west of the Rothley Brook. |

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Blaby District Council, (The Brantings, Glenfield)
Tree Preservation Order 2022



Dated this 19 day of May two thousand and twenty-two

Signed on Behalf of Blaby District Council

T. White
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Authorised Officer

Scale: 1:3000

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Appendix B – Modification of Tree Preservation Order

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Dated this [REDACTED]

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Authorised by the Council to sign in that behalf

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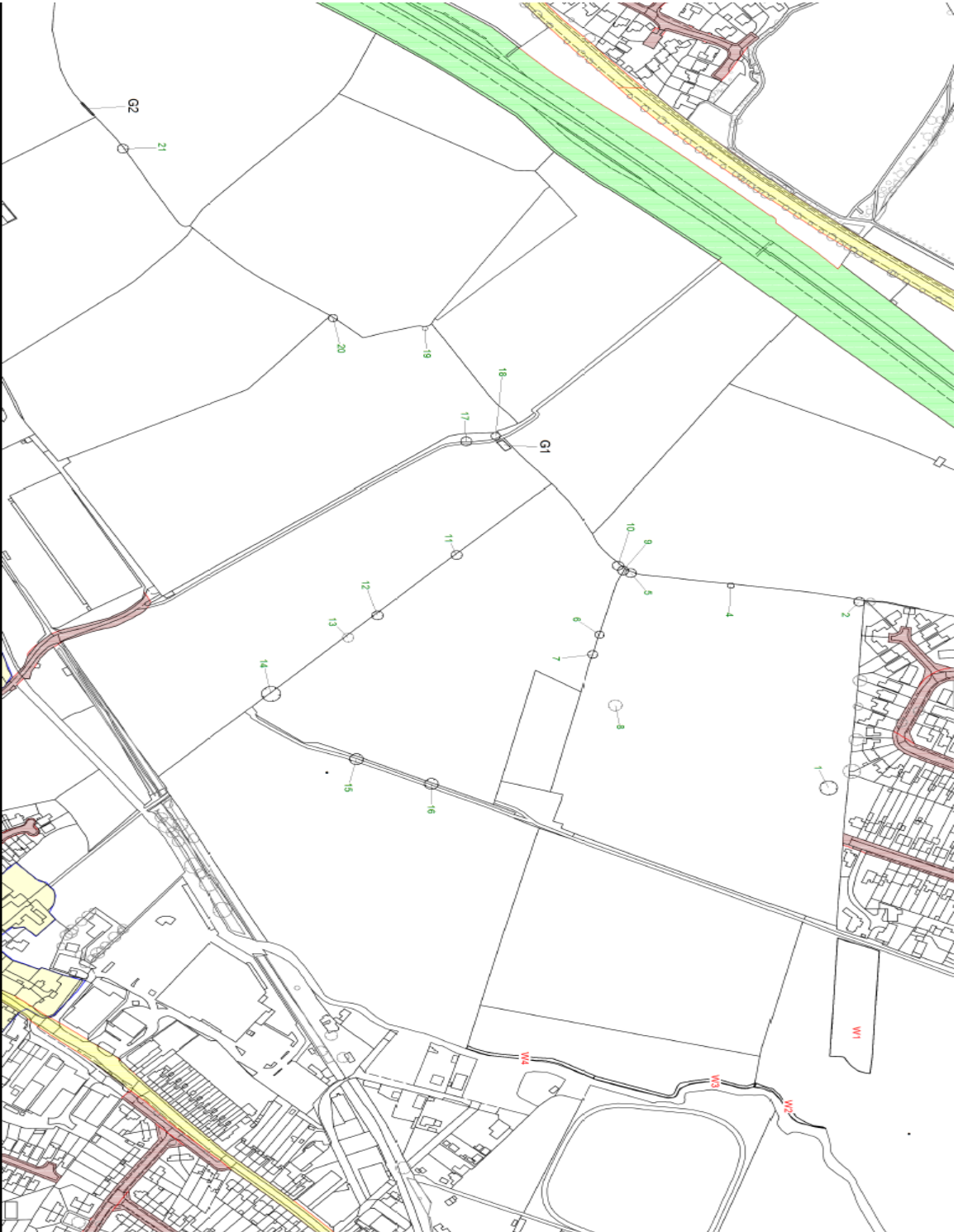
| + | <u>Reference on map</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Situation</u> |
|----|-------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Within Field south of Overdale Close |
| 2 | | Ash - Fraxinus excelsior | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 4 | | Field Maple - Acer campestre | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 5 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 6 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 7 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 8 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Within Field south of Overdale Close |
| 9 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 10 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 11 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 12 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 13 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 14 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 15 | | Ash - Fraxinus excelsior | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 16 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 17 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 18 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 19 | | Field Maple - Acer campestre | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 20 | | Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| 21 | | Ash - Fraxinus excelsior | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |

Groups of Trees specified by reference to an area

| <i>Reference on map</i> | <i>Description (including number of trees of each species in the group)</i> | <i>Situation</i> |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| G1 | 2No. Oak - Quercus robur | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |
| G2 | 5No. Ash - Fraxinus excelsior | Field Boundary Within Branting Hill |

Woodlands

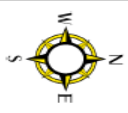
| <i>Reference on map</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Situation</i> |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| W1 | Mixed Broadleaved predominantly Oak | Field East of Glendale Avenue |
| W2 | Mixed broadleaved predominantly willow and Ash | Adjacent to Rothely Book |
| W3 | Mixed broadleaved predominantly willow and Ash | Adjacent to Rothely Book |
| W4 | Mixed broadleaved predominantly willow and Ash | Adjacent to Rothely Book |



Blaby District Council, (The Brantings, Glenfield) Tree Preservation Order 2022

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| Date | 23/07/2022 |



Appendix C – Representations Received

From: David Marvin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 20 May 2022 09:59
To: Planning Mailbox <planning@blaby.gov.uk>
Subject: FAO Tom White: Ref Tree Preservation Order, The Brantings, Glenfield.

Dear Tom

I called today to ask for clarification as to the extent of the tree preservation order (TPO) that residents were given notice of, by letter, yesterday. Unfortunately you were out of the office so I thought I would email my question. The page headed, Schedule and Specification of Trees, gives the location of the TPO as land within the area of Branting Hill, covering the area between the A50 Groby Road and the A46 Western Bypass, to the east of the boundary with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough and west of the Rothley Brook. Having looked at the map provided, the boundary of the TPO to the north would appear to end at the boundary line of the residential properties.

Question:

Does the term "land within Branting Hill" refer to and include the residential area and properties of residents or is the area A1 on the map, the definitive area of the TPO? Please could you confirm which is correct.

The reason for my question is that during a site visit on 04.06.21 with the County Councillor (Nick Chapman) and the Chair and Tree Warden of Glenfield Parish Council (Roy Denny) there were 4 trees identified in the gardens of the houses along Overdale Ave and Branting Hill Ave that were worthy of preservation. One of these trees is located part within the properties of No 72 and No 74 Branting Hill Ave. No 74 Branting Hill Ave has been very recently sold and I am aware that the new owners have concerns about the 200 plus year old Oak tree located part within what will become their garden in Sept 2022, therefore this tree may be at risk!

I have attached a copy of the site visit notes that I sent on 07.06.21 to Nick Chapman and Roy Denny, and later on 19.07.21 to Blaby District Council Planning department who had declined to attend the meeting due to Covid 19, as I was concerned that the planning department may not have been fully aware of the detail of the site visit.

Regards

Davi Marvin

From: Sue Clarke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 23 May 2022 18:17
To: Planning Mailbox <planning@blaby.gov.uk>
Subject: Blaby District Council (The Brantings and Glenfield) Tree Preservation Order 2022

Tom,

I am writing regarding the notice dated 19.05.22, which was put through our door. I am totally in agreement with the order being made permanent. From where I live I can look across the fields to the West of Rothley Brook and land within Branting Hill and Western Bypass and A50. I have a very pleasant view over the fields and feel the trees and hedges make a positive visual contribution to the local area and add beauty and offer peace and tranquility. The hedges and trees provide birds and wildlife with habitats and nesting sites and they rely on the green belt area for their survival. Also with the issue of climate change we need to plant and retain as many trees and hedges and green belt area as possible in order to protect our wildlife and environment for the future. As you are aware Blaby District Council local Plan 2022 - 2029 there is a possibility of a housing development on this green belt area. This would be devastating for myself and my partner as we live in a bungalow and any two storey developments would totally destroy our privacy and the peace we have in the area. There would also be a dramatic increase in traffic, pollution and a loss of habitats for our wildlife. Preservation of trees and hedgerows is essential so that we may be offered maximum screening.

Sue Clarke

Resident 57 Overdale Avenue, Glenfield

23.05.2022

REF: Town and Country Planning act 1990
Blaby district council (The Brantings Glenfield) Tree Preservation Order 2022

Cat Hartley
The Planning and Economic Development Manager
Blaby District Council
Desford Road
Narborough
Leicester LE19 2EP

Dear Cat Hartley,

Sue Clarke



I am writing regarding the notice which was dated 19.05.2022 and was put through our door and also put on a lamp post on our street. The tree Preservation order for Brantings and Glenfield. The order in question said that it is temporary for 6 months and will be reviewed after this date and considered whether it should be made a permanent order. I am writing to say I agree with the order and I am totally in favour of the order being made permanent status.

From where I live at 57 Overdale Avenue, if I stand on my bench I can see across the fields to Rothley Brook and also the land within Branting Hill, covering between A50 and Western Bypass. I have a good and pleasant view of the fields, trees and hedges which definitely make a positive visual contribution to the local area and add beauty and help with the mental health of local residents by providing peace and tranquillity. The trees and hedges provide screening and a sound barrier from the Western Bypass traffic noise and housing and business developments.

Also with the issue of climate change there is a need to keep and plant as many trees and hedges and green belt areas as possible in order to protect the environment. The trees and hedges provide essential nesting places and habitats for birds and wildlife. We get a large variety of birds, as well as hedgehogs, bees, bats and foxes that rely on the green belt area for their habitats and survival.

There is an oak tree in the neighbour's garden at 59 Overdale Avenue, which must be in the region of 100 years old. The owner of the property is a 90 year old gentleman and is keen on keeping the tree. However when he passes away, we would be keen to try to have a preservation order put on this tree as new owners may see a large tree as an inconvenience in their garden. We regard the tree as a sanctuary for birds and it provides us with screening and a beautiful view from our bungalow.

As you will be aware the Blaby District Council Local Plan 2022 – 2029, there is a possibility of housing developments on the fields West of Rothley Brook and land within the area of Branting Hill and Western Bypass and A50. If there were to be housing developments in this location this would be devastating for myself and my partner and other residents affected as we live in a bungalow and two storey housing would cause us to be overlooked and ruin our privacy.

This would also add to noise disturbance and traffic increase.

So preservation of trees is essential so that screening and habitats are provided for our wildlife.

Yours sincerley



From: David Bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 June 2022 14:25
To: Planning Mailbox <planning@blaby.gov.uk>
Subject: Your Ref: 361/DC - Tree Preservation Order

For the attention of **Cat Hartley** -
Planning & Economic Development Group Manager

Dear Ms Hartley

**TOWN and COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN and COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012
BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL (THE BRANTINGS, GLENFIELD) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2022**

Thank you for your letter dated 19th May 2022, giving formal Notice of what appears to be a "blanket" Tree Preservation Order (initially for a 6-month period).

I am writing on behalf of my co-Trustees and although we fully appreciate the importance of some of the beautiful Oak trees on our land, we feel that the very wide ranging implications of the Order are impractical.

Kindly arrange for the identification of the individual trees which should be subject to TPO's.

Many thanks and with kind regards.

Yours sincerely
David R Bennett, FRICS FAAV
David Bennet
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Planning Department

31.05.22

To: The Planning and Economic Development Manager, Blaby District Council.

Reference: The Brantings, Glenfield. Tree Preservation Order 2022.

I am writing concerning the above temporary Tree Preservation Order (TPO), specifically concerning the boundary of the TPO adjacent to the rear of the residential properties on Overdale Ave and Branting Hill Ave.

The map provided, dated 19.05.22, with the notice of the temporary TPO would appear to indicate that the boundary on the TPO does not include four mature Oak trees located in the gardens of the following properties:

No 59 Overdale Avenue.

No 63 Overdale Ave.

No 76 Branting Hill Ave.

Part located in both No 74 & No 72 Branting Hill Ave.

The above four trees have been previously identified as worth of a Tree Preservation order during a site visit carried out 04.06.21 by Councillor Nick Chapman and the Chair (and Tree Warden) of Glenfield Parish Council, Roy Denny. This fact was confirmed in a summary of the site visit sent to both Nick and Roy on 07.06.21 and forwarded, by email, to Blaby District Council, Planning Department on 19.06.21. I have cut a pasted this below for your convenience.

- 5) The 4 Oak trees which are located to the northeast of the field which are in residential gardens in Overdale Ave & Branting Hill Ave were all considered worthy of a TPO. Nick made the comment concerning a possible green corridor in relation to these trees, whose branches extend into the field proposed for development.

As these trees have previously been identified as being worthy of a TPO, being of a suitable and age and providing a visual balance to the field which has other trees to in its boundary, I request that these four trees be included in the TPO for The Brantings Glenfield.

I have previously emailed Tom White for clarification on the extent of the boundary as he was not in the office when I called to discuss this matter 20.05.22. As I am still waiting a reply, and there is a time limit on residents comments, I have written as requested in the TPO notification. My immediate

concern relevant to these four trees is that No 74 Branting Hill Ave has been sold in the last 2 months and I am aware that the new owners, who will take up residence before September 2022, have concerns about the 200 year old Oak tree located part in their garden. Therefore this tree may be at risk!

Regards

David Marvin

[REDACTED]
6th June, 2022

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For the attention of **Cat Hartley** -
Planning & Economic Development Group Manager

BY HAND

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Yours sincerely

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Consultant
for and on behalf of Brown & Co Fox Bennett -
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David Marvin <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Jun 7, 10:43

AM to Chapman, RJ

Dear Nick and Roy

Thank you for your time last Friday when an assessment of trees in the field behind Branting Hill Ave and Overdale Ave and adjacent to Glen Park Ave was

made. I thought it would be useful to summarise the main points of our discussions. I have listed these below:

1) The Oak tree, which Roy identified as being approximately 400 years old, which stands in the field, near to the boundary of gardens in Branting Hill and Glen Park Ave was deemed more than suitable to preserve and it was agreed an application for a TPO would be made.

2) The single Oak tree in the field on the northwest side of the field, approaching the hedgerow between the two fields proposed for development, was estimated at 200 years old and being of a good shape was also considered worthy of a TPO application.

3) The Oak trees in the hedgerow between the two fields where the farmer has planted a 20 meter margin of trees approximately 8-10 years ago, as best I can remember, were considered to be of less value compared to trees in points 1 & 2, but selected ones would be considered for a TPO.

4) The various trees in the hedgerow to the north of the field, which borders the field adjacent to the A46 were not considered worthy of a TPO.

5) The 4 Oak trees which are located to the northeast of the field which are in residential gardens in Overdale Ave & Branting Hill Ave were all considered worthy of a TPO. Nick made the comment concerning a possible green corridor in relation to these trees, whose branches extend into the field proposed for development.

Any other business

As a number of discussions took place during the site visit, I thought that points below may serve as a reminder to us all.

1) Footpaths:

There are a number of long established common use footpaths which I understand have been assessed by Roy and Piers Lindley from County Hall. As was clearly visible from the number of people, of all ages, using the fields for walking & recreation, during the site visit, this land is an important amenity to the people of the area. I understand from our discussion that there are a number of these common paths to be preserved should any development take place. Please could I have a list or better still a map of the paths planned to be preserved?

2) Trees located in the second field to the northwest of the one behind Overdale Ave and Branting Hill Ave:

The assessment of the trees in the field "approaching the TNT warehouse" was raised by Roy as a task to be undertaken. Please could I be kept informed of your findings, once the assessment has been made?

3) Site access via an elevated road from the A50 over the Rothley Brook and across the floodplain:

As I had wrongly assumed that the access road was via Brooks Lane in Glenfield it was explained that the proposed road was from the A50 between the Shell petrol station and the Rothley Brook bridge. This was later discussed as I had raised the subject of Parish Council owned land (Glenfield Meadows) being a better alternative for development than the green wedge land titled as Land North of Glenfield, as it has better access directly onto the A50 and to my knowledge is not used by residents in the area. Although Roy pointed out there is access across the A50 via the Pelican crossing at the bus gate, there is no car park and I pointed out that most parents would not allow their child to cross this road, yet it was seen during the site visit to assess trees, that a number of unaccompanied young children were playing in the field in the green wedge.

It was later explained that County Hall Highways Department would NOT even allow a car park access from Glenfield Meadows, therefore development of this land was not an option. At this point I raised the matter that County Hall cannot have vetoed an access onto the A50 some 200 meters south of the Glenfield Meadows site, as if this was the case the developer would not be progressing their plans for 330 houses.

Please could you confirm the number of acres the Glenfield Meadows site measures?

4) The Spinney to the south of the field titled as Land North of Glenfield:

It was NOT until after the site visit that I thought about the route of the proposed access road across the Rothley Brook. The direct route would require the removal of a long established spinney measuring approximately 150 meters by 50 meters. Within this spinny are a number of old Oak trees and being surrounded, on three sides by cultivated fields, serves as an important wildlife habitat. To by-pass this Spinney would require the access road to pass within 10 to 20 meters of Rothley Brook. I suggest that this spinney be assessed and I would like to be informed of your findings.

Thank you again for all of your time last Friday

Regards

David Marvin

Appendix D – Aerial Photos of Trees



