

Blaby District Council
Planning Committee

Date of Meeting 12 February 2026
Title of Report **Blaby District Council (Braunstone Lane, Braunstone Town) Tree Preservation Order 2025**
Report Author Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider whether to confirm the provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) made 11 December 2025 on the trees situated along Braunstone Lane, Braunstone Town.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The Planning Committee approve the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order at Braunstone Lane, Braunstone Town.
- 2.2 The Authority be delegated to the Planning and Strategic Growth Group Manager to confirm the Tree Preservation Order at Braunstone Lane, Braunstone Town.

3. Reason for Decision(s) Recommended

- 3.1 Having considered the representations received regarding the TPO, it is concluded that there are insufficient grounds not to confirm the Order. The three trees contribute to the provision of important visual amenity along the street frontage of the residential properties that are located along Braunstone Lane.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

The application relates to three trees located on the southern side of Braunstone Lane, Braunstone Town. Trees T1 and T2 are oak trees situated on land owned by the Local Highway Authority, Leicestershire County Council. Tree T3 is a cedar tree located within the front garden of No. 500 Braunstone Lane.

The trees were previously protected by the Blaby District Council (Braunstone Lane, Braunstone Town) Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 2023. That Order was made on a provisional basis but was not confirmed within the statutory six-month period and therefore lapsed.

Following further consideration, a site visit was undertaken on 11 September 2025 by an Officer of the Council to reassess the merits of the trees and their suitability for formal protection, having regard to their contribution to the street scene and wider public amenity. The Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment was completed for each tree. These assessments were subsequently reviewed by Leicestershire County Council (LCC) Forestry, who advised that all three trees are worthy of protection.

Each tree achieved a TEMPO score of 18, placing them within the category of trees that 'definitely merit a TPO'. In light of this, a renewed provisional TPO was made to protect the trees, pending determination of whether the Order should be confirmed.

During the site visit it was observed that the trees make a significant and positive contribution to the character and appearance of the immediate area and the wider street scene. The trees are clearly visible from Braunstone Lane and contribute to public amenity for road users, pedestrians and cyclists. It was therefore considered expedient, and in the interests of amenity, to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order covering the three individual trees as shown on the accompanying plan. In accordance with legislation, the Order must be confirmed within six months of its making in order to remain in force.

4.2 Representations received

One representation was received in objection to the Tree Preservation Order at Braunstone Lane, Braunstone Town

The objection was received from the occupant/owner of 500 Braunstone Lane, Braunstone Town on the grounds of the following:

- T3 is said to be dying
- Debris from T3 falls onto Braunstone Lane and blocks the drainage.

4.3 Consideration of Representations Received

The Principal Tree and Woodlands Manager has visited the site and reviewed the objection. It has been confirmed that the concerns raised in the representation relate to a different tree and not to the cedar tree (T3) that is the subject of the Tree Preservation Order. The Tree Officer also advised that Tree T3 does not appear to be dying and remains in good condition, with no evidence to suggest that it fails to merit protection.

4.4 Conclusions

The TEMPO assessments, as reviewed by LCC Forestry, conclude that all three trees achieve scores in excess of 16 and therefore definitely merit the making of a Tree Preservation Order.

It is considered that the trees identified on the TPO plan and schedule are worthy of protection due to their significant public amenity value and their positive contribution to the character and appearance of Braunstone Lane and the surrounding area. Having regard to the representation received (Appendix E), and the professional advice provided by the Principal Tree

and Woodlands Manager, Officers have carefully balanced all relevant considerations and conclude that there is no overriding reason not to confirm the 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. Appendix

9.1 Appendix A – Tree Preservation Order (To Be Confirmed)

9.2 Appendix B – Google overhead images

9.3 Appendix C – Site Photographs taken September 2025

9.4 Appendix D – Representations Received

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