

Planning & Environment Committee

Date:	5 November 2013
Title:	Tree Preservation Order Thame Area No. 11/2013
Purpose of the Report:	To consider representations to the above order
Contact Officer:	Helen Stewart, Town Clerk

Background

South Oxfordshire District Council has informed the Council of its intention to consider the preservation of six Beech trees located within the rear garden of 33 High Street, adjacent to the eastern boundary and one Beech tree located within the rear garden of Elm Trees, Brook Lane, adjacent to the eastern boundary the location of which is shown on Appendix 1.

The preservation order prohibits anyone from cutting down, topping or lopping any of the trees without the consent from SODC. In issuing this order SODC consider that the trees appear to be in good health and are capable of standing for a number of years when managed collectively as a group.

The trees form an integral part of the landscape with significant amenity value and are visible to users of the High Street, Southern Road, Mitchell Close and Brook Lane. It is considered that the loss of the trees would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area and that they currently provide a number of other environmental benefits being a significant size and age.

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan and Core Strategy recognise the contribution of trees as important landscape features and biodiversity resources and commits SODC to preserving and retaining trees.

Thame Town Council has been invited to submit any objections or comments to SODC for consideration before a decision is taken on whether to confirm the order.

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives: Non are directly applicable to this report.

Recommendation:

- i) To agree any submissions to be made to SODC.***