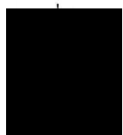


Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To serve a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on land adjacent to Lea Hall Cottage, Lea.
Date of decision:	31 st October 2018. The decision can be implemented with immediate effect.
Decision maker:	Service Manager, Built & Natural Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	The functions scheme of the constitution: ' <i>Powers relating to the protection of important hedgerows and preservation of trees</i> '.
Ward:	Penyard
Consultation:	Ward member: Councillor Bramer: he confirmed he is content with the serving of this TPO
Decision made:	To serve a provisional TPO on land adjacent to Lea Hall Cottage, Lea.
Reasons for decision:	There is an approved planning application for housing development on this site. This scheme includes retention of the oak tree to be protected by the TPO. This tree is considered to contribute to the amenity and character of the local area. A TPO is the appropriate mechanism to protect a tree in perpetuity.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Legal and Finance were consulted and did not raise any concerns. The proposals have due regard to our public sector equality duty. There are no health and safety implications or other risks. This is because the owner of the tree is responsible for it, including monitoring its condition and undertaking any necessary works required on safety grounds.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to serve a TPO. This could result in the loss of a substantial tree with good amenity value. It was considered that the oak tree could be successfully incorporated within a new housing scheme; this is what the approved planning application proposed.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None.



Signed.....

Date: 01/11/18