

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To make provisional Tree Preservation Order 713 Land Adjacent to Old Chapel, Chapel Farm, Upper Hill, Leominster
Date of decision:	14 August 2026
Decision maker:	Principal Natural Environment Officer
Authority for delegated decision:	Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 14 th May 2026 Directorate - Economy and Place, section 71: <i>'To act on behalf of the council in respect of all land use planning matters administered by the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, secondary legislations and any related statutory instruments'</i> .
Ward:	Weobley
Consultation:	Notified the ward member of the statutory 28-day consultation
Decision made:	To serve a provisional TPO
Reasons for decision:	The trees are of high public amenity value and make a significant contribution to the character of the local landscape as well as the biodiversity value of the area. The Council have made the Order to protect the trees which could potentially be impacted directly or indirectly by any proposed nearby development pressures, as a precautionary measure.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	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 works required on safety grounds.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to serve a TPO has been considered and is viewed unacceptable because the trees have amenity value and are worthy of conservation.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

Date: 14th August 2026

Principal Natural Environment Officer