

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	To make provisional Tree Preservation Order 717 Land adjacent 28 Chichester Close Hereford
Date of decision:	16 th September 2026
Decision maker:	Principal Natural Environment Officer
Authority for delegated decision:	Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 18 th June 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:	Belmont Rural
Consultation:	Notified the ward member of the statutory 28-day consultation Ward member consulted
Decision made:	To serve a provisional TPO
Reasons for decision:	The trees are located on an area of public open space and are of high amenity value. Although the open space is managed by the Council it has not yet been formally transferred from the developer into Council ownership. Recently the council has been made aware of a potential threat to the continued retention of these trees. It is therefore considered expedient, and in the interests of public amenity, to make a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).
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 tree have amenity value and are worthy of conservation.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

Date: 16th September 2026

Principal Natural Environment Officer