

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	To make provisional Tree Preservation Order 703 Line House, Lea, Ross-on-Wye
<b>Date of decision:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Principal Natural Environment Officer
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 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> .
<b>Ward:</b>	Penyard
<b>Consultation:</b>	Notified the ward member of the statutory 28-day consultation
<b>Decision made:</b>	To serve a provisional TPO
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	The trees are under perceived threat from the current planning application for the redevelopment of the site (ref 252870), which requires the removal of a significant portion of the group of trees to facilitate the design. As a group the trees are considered to have high amenity value, and the council have made the Order to protect the trees which could be directly impacted by any proposed redevelopment of the site as a precautionary measure.
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	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.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Not to serve a TPO has been considered and is viewed unacceptable because the trees have amenity value and are worthy of conservation.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed:

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025


Principal Natural Environment Officer