

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Not to confirm Tree Preservation Order 704 167 Bargates Leominster
Date of decision:	21 April 2026
Decision maker:	Principal Natural Environment Officer
Authority for delegated decision:	Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 6 th 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> .
Ward:	Leominster South
Consultation:	It was undertaken on the provisional TPO, with representations received against confirmation
Decision made:	Not to confirm a TPO
Reasons for decision:	The Council made the Order to protect the tree as a precautionary measure, however on reviewing the representations received by the owner and neighbours it was not considered expedient to go ahead with confirmation.
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 we are not altering the current level of protection the tree has under the Conservation Area legislation and the owner of the tree is responsible for it, including monitoring its condition and undertaking any work required on safety grounds.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	To confirm TPO was likely to lead to an appeal process, which was not considered expedient in this case due to the size and location of the tree and the number of representations received.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed:

Date: 22 April 2026



Principal Natural Environment Officer