

PUBLIC APPEALS COMMITTEE - 16 SEPTEMBER 2005

Councillor R M Sutherland (Chairman)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

Mrs L Davies

J C Sillito

F A Finlay

R M Sutherland

A T A Godfrey

PA8 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2005 submitted and signed.

PA9 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B M Cross (substitute Councillor F A Finlay) and P G Goodland.

PA10 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO 345 OF 2005 - TREES AT WALTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, STONE

The Committee considered objections to Tree Preservation Order No 345, 2005 from Mr M G Thompson, 2 Wood Lane, Walton, Stone; Miles Kitchener, representing Capula Ltd, Orion House, Stone and Ian Murat, ACS Consulting, representing, Charter Land (Stone) Ltd.

The Order had been made to protect the trees following a consultation relating to development proposals at land at Tilling Drive/Beacon Rise, Stone.

The Order had been made as it was considered that the trees provided a very important screen between the industrial estate and the residential estate and acted as a buffer between the two. They have significant public amenity value and soften what would otherwise be a bleak built environment.

A copy of the Tree Preservation Order, the report of the Head of Planning and Engineering Services and the objection letters were circulated to members of the Committee prior to the meeting. The Committee inspected the two groups of trees from both the land owned by Charter Land (Stone) Limited, Capula Limited, and the rear garden of No 2 Wood Lane, Walton, Stone. The Committee also viewed the trees from Beacon Rise and Spring Gardens.

Mr I Murat and Mr M Kitchener, attended the meeting and spoke in support of their objections to the Order.

Local Ward Members, Councillor M Carey and Mrs D A Wakefield attended the meeting and made representations in support and against the Order respectively.

Mrs Hall, a local resident, attended the meeting and spoke in support of the Order

The Committee considered carefully representations made by the objectors, Council 's Officers, Ward Members and local residents.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the authority delegated to the Committee, Tree Preservation Order No 345 of 2005 be confirmed without modification, for the following reasons:-

The trees provide a very important screen between the industrial estate and the residential estate and act as a buffer between the two. They have significant public amenity value and soften what would otherwise be a bleak built environment.

(Copies of the documents referred to are available on request from the Head of Law and Administration).

Proceedings commenced at 9.30 am and terminated at 12.45 pm.