

6.02 - Objection to Tree Preservation Order number 3 of 2012

Located at 33 Bullfinch Lane, Riverhead.

ITEM FOR DECISION

This report sets out details of objections received to this order.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Tree Preservation Order No 03 of 2012 be confirmed without amendments.

The Site and Background

- 1 Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No. 03 of 2012 relates to a Beech tree situated at 33 Bullfinch Lane, Riverhead.
- 2 A request to protect this Beech tree was received and investigated. The tree is very prominent in this part of Riverhead and can clearly be seen from either end of the Lane and beyond. Poor pruning or it's complete loss would have a negative impact on the amenity of the local area. TPO 03 was served in order to afford it continued protection as it is situated outside of a Conservation Area and was otherwise unprotected.

Representations

- 3 An objection to the TPO has been received from Mr P Taylor of 1 Chesterfield Drive, Riverhead, a neighbouring property. Mr Taylor objects on the grounds that the serving of the order is unnecessary as they have not previously cutback any overhanging branches, as they were entitled to do before the order was served. Mr Taylor states that the TPO is unnecessary as this tree is not under threat.
- 4 In response to the objection, this tree can be clearly seen from the public footpath and main highway. Any unauthorised pruning works would be detrimental to the appearance of this tree. Its loss would be detrimental to the local amenity. With no protection previously afforded this tree. Guarantees cannot be provided as to the control or not of it's future management.

In conclusion

- 5 Given the aforementioned information. It is suggested that the details as provided within the objection to this TPO are not strong enough reasoning to leave this prominent tree without any formal protection. It is my recommendation therefore that TPO 03 of 2012 be confirmed without amendments. Please find attached TPO/03/2012 (Appendix 1).

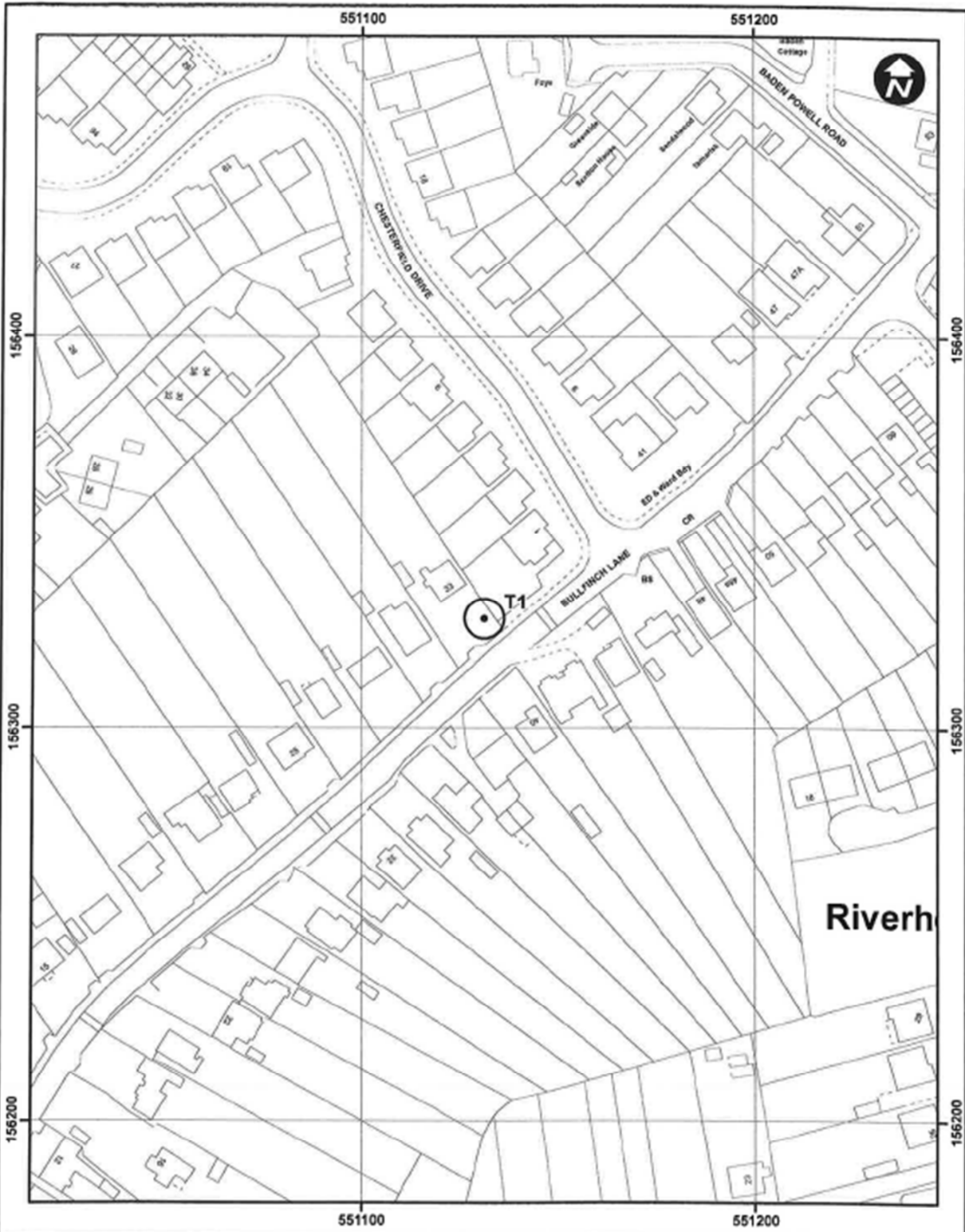
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| Tree Preservation Order | |
| TPO 3 (2012) | Scale: 1:1,250 |
| 33 Bullfinch Lane, Riverhead | Date: 24/02/2012 |
| <small>Produced by the GIS Team, Sevenoaks District Council</small> | |

SCHEDULE 1

SPECIFICATION OF TREES

Trees specified individually
(encircled in black on the map)

| <i>Reference on Map</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Situation*</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| T1 | Beech | Situated within the front garden of 33 Bullfinch Lane, Riverhead. |

Trees specified by reference to an area
(within a dotted black line on the map)

| <i>Reference on Map</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Situation*</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | None | |

Groups of trees
(within a broken black line on the map)

| <i>Reference on Map</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Situation*</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | None | |

Woodlands
(within a continuous black line on the map)

| <i>Reference on Map</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Situation*</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | None | |

* complete if necessary to specify more precisely the position of the trees.