

2 TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – 1/2017 – INVERCARSE HOTEL, 371 PERTH ROAD, DUNDEE (AN83-2017)

The Council made a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) over the above site on 31st May, 2017. One letter of objection was received from agents on behalf of Redwood Invercarse Limited, the owner of the Invercarse Hotel.

The basis of the objection was that one particular tree (T11) should not be included in the TPO on the grounds that it is in poor condition and presents a danger to the public. The Council's Forestry Officer is of the view that this tree is mature but in good condition and that regular pruning would reduce any risk. It is recommended that T11 is retained in the TPO.

The letter also made representations that the reasons for making the TPO were expressed in very general terms and that little consideration had been given to the value of the trees. The TPO was made to protect and preserve the visual and arboreal amenity of the area which satisfies the legislative requirements for making a TPO.

The letter went on to complain about the timing of the service of the TPO and sought reimbursement of the owner's outlay for hiring a crane and tree cutter immediately prior to service. This procedural aspect of the complaint is not considered to be a valid objection to the TPO itself and as such has been separately addressed by the Council's legal services.

Redwood Invercarse Limited have subsequently advised that one tree (T26) was removed prior to service of the TPO. The Council's Forestry Officer visited the site on 22nd August, 2017 and T26 is still in situ and should remain on the TPO.

Members are asked to authorise the Head of Democratic and Legal Services and Executive Director of City Development to undertake the necessary procedures and confirm the above TPO.

Copies of the map have been circulated to Group Leaders and the Lord Provost.