

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: 07 MAY 2004

**THE MOORFIELD, KILMARNOCK (PROVISIONAL)
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2004**

Report by Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the making, serving and advertising of the Moorfield, Kilmarnock (Provisional) Tree Preservation Order 2004 and to seek the Committee's views on whether or not the existing provisional Tree Preservation Order should be confirmed.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The fine clump of mature deciduous trees north of the Mount House is considered to be an important local landscape feature enhancing the amenity of Mount House itself and the nearby Annanhill Golf Course.

2.2 Land north of the Mount House has recently been marketed by the Council with a view to the site being developed for residential purposes and an outline planning application for residential development of this land has now been received.

2.3 In view of the amenity value of the trees and the potential of the site for development referred to above, it was thought appropriate that the trees should be afforded statutory protection as soon as practicable so that any planning application for housing development on the site could take account of the trees in terms of their incorporation into any agreed design layout.

2.4 The Moorfield, Kilmarnock (Provisional) Tree Preservation Order 2004 was formally advertised on Friday, 16 January 2004. Up to and including Friday, 13 February 2004, the expiry date of the statutory 28 day period for objections to the Tree Preservation Order, no such objections had been received by the Council.

3. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The area in which the trees subject to the above Tree Preservation Order are situated is scheduled in the East Ayrshire Local Plan as where the Council will encourage and support the development of a major residential development comprising both high amenity and general needs private housing and associated open space (Local Plan site ref: 145H). In the

Local Plan the Council strongly recommends that structure planting be undertaken in advance of any development of the site. It is considered that the above mature trees could complement such structure planting and provide a central feature of any housing development within the large field immediately north of Mount House.

3.2 The Tree Preservation Order has been promoted in accordance with Policy ENV 15 (ii) of the Local Plan under which the Council will protect those individual groups and areas of trees which contribute significantly to the landscape quality of both the built and rural environment through the serving of Tree Preservation Orders.

4. LEGAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees to confirm the Moorfield, Kilmarnock (Provisional) Tree Preservation Order 2004.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The Moorfield, Kilmarnock (Provisional) Tree Preservation Order 2004.

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