

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OBJECTIONS & APPEALS PANEL HELD IN
COMMITTEE ROOM 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, ON
WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 9:30AM.

Present:-

Councillor S B Smith – Chairperson

Councillors

C Westwood
M Gregory

Officers:

C Williams - Principal Officer Development Control
H Batten - Legal Officer
S Hughes - Trainee Solicitor
S Clark - Cabinet/Committee Officer
R Harries - Trainee Cabinet/Committee Officer

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
OBJECTION TO BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL TREE
PRESERVATION ORDER (NO.2) 2005

The Executive Director - Environment submitted a report on the above subject. The Principal Officer - Development Control introduced the report, outlining the reasons why the Tree Preservation Order had been made, the objections made and the reasons why Officers concerned felt that the objections were not of a nature to justify felling the tree.

Whilst Officers accepted that the tree was large, that it overhung the road and that it dropped needles and cones, Officers did not consider any of these to be sufficient to justify felling a tree which was in good condition, prominent in its location and provided an outstanding public amenity value to the area.

He noted that there had been a problem with the pavement at the site some eight years ago but advised Members that the site was maintained regularly and, having spoken to the Highways Department, he was satisfied that no further problems had come to light since that time. He further noted that the Tree Preservation Order did not preclude future work being undertaken to cut back or even fell the tree, should that become necessary.

With regard to the concerns expressed by Miss Davies regarding possible damage to her property, it was agreed that, from the photographs attached at Appendix B, it did not appear that the tree was tall enough to reach her property and cause damage, should it fall.

It was further agreed that problems associated with youths congregating in the area were a matter for the police and were not directly related to the presence of

the tree, and that the issues raised by the dropping of needles and cones were the responsibility of the landowner.

RESOLVED: That the objections to Bridgend County Borough Council's intention to make a Tree Preservation Order (No.2) 2005, be rejected and the Order be confirmed as advertised.

The meeting closed at 9.41am.