

# **Tree Assessment**



**Planning Branch Ltd**

**SITE: Linnet Moss, Rheda Park**

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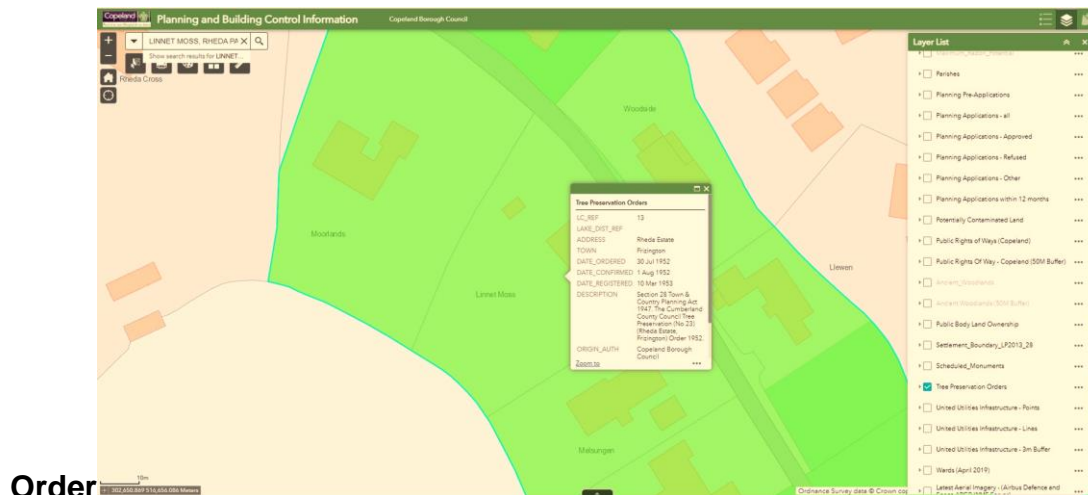
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## Introduction

Planning Branch Ltd has been commissioned to carry out an assessment of the trees on Linnet Moss, Rheda Park.

As a result of the assessment a number of trees are required to be removed and tree work is required to the trees in response to safety and arboricultural reasons.

## Tree Preservation



## Order

The site is covered by a woodland TPO which was confirmed on 1 August 1952 as set out above. As the TPO is a woodland TPO any trees that have grown since the TPO was made are also covered by the TPO.

## Trees Assessed

All of the trees were assessed from ground level on the site with the following works being considered necessary as part of the safety of the surrounding users /occupiers and for arboricultural reasons. The site was visited in February 2020 and again in February 2022.

The proposal is for the removal of trees 1 – 5 and Group 1 and crown reduction of T5.

The following assessment was carried out which covered 5 trees and a group.

### Tree 1

This tree has shown signs of decay between the two visits. Electricity Northwest have also confirmed to the owner that as part of their on going works the tree will be removed due to the impact on their wires and also the previous works that have been carried out on the trees. They have carried out works to move the tree from near to their wires which has caused some decline to the tree. As this works has been carried out a number of times, their next approach is the removal of the tree due to its condition, this works is to be carried out under the second schedule of the TPO. However, this work has no timescale and therefore this application is made to fell the tree.

### ***Tree 2 – 4***

These Spruce trees have caused problems due to overhanging branches over the road and as a result of the size of vehicles using this road increasing over the years as Rheda Parks expands the extent of damage has increased with many of the lower branches being broken off.

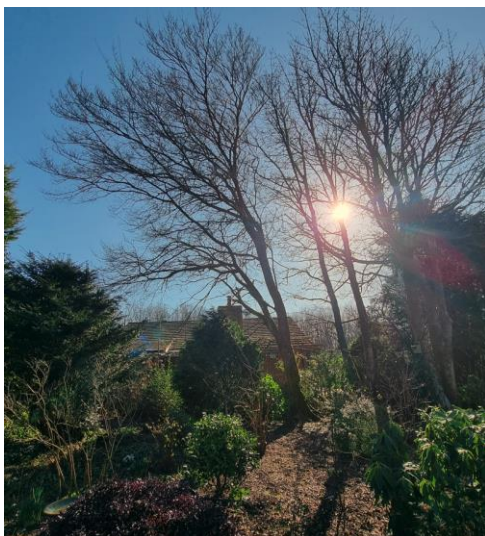
The trees lean into the road as indicated on the images below.



The proposal is to remove the three trees to allow the beech hedgerow to establish and to plant a suitable single tree. It is considered that these trees have outgrown this busy location and the works to continually raise the crown has resulted in 3 trees with minimal amenity value. Also, during the latest storms, a number of dead branches were found on the road from within the trees.

### ***Tree 5***

When the new owners moved into the adjacent property an overhanging branch was removed from the tree which was touching the chimney. It is proposed that a crown reduction of 20% is carried out to further reduce the overhanging canopy and ensure the safety of the occupiers of the adjacent dwelling and the long-term retention of the tree.





### **Group 1**



This is a group of cypress that were planted since the TPO was made and were planted as part of a landscape area and were originally maintained as shrubs. However due to the proximity to the road, damage has occurred to the overhanging branches. The overgrown shrubs have minimal live growth as indicated in the images above and are all multi-stemmed.

The proposal is to remove these overgrown shrubs and replant with a single suitable tree such as a Pink Hawthorn and reinstate the shrub area below. In accordance with the TPO these overgrown shrubs do not offer a wider amenity due to their condition.

### **Replanting**

A Pink Hawthorn Tree is proposed to replace Group 1 which has been grown in a pot on the site and is ready to transplant. This would provide a small maturity tree which offers a strong colour visually and would improve this area.

Additional beech hedgerow plants will be planted to replace trees 1-3 to provide a strong biodiversity of a hedgerow along the roadside.

There is also suitable area to the southwest of the garden for additional trees to be planted if additional are required.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion the proposal is for the removal of trees 1 – 4 due to limited amenity value, health of the tree, impact on utilities and adverse impact on road users. The replacement of the 4 trees with a single suitable tree and a beech hedgerow would provide an improved amenity for the area and would ensure a long-term tree cover in this area. The removal of the overgrown shrubs and reinstating the shrub area and a single tree will also improve the area and offer a greater amenity and safer area for the road users. The crown reduction will remove the risk to the property but ensure the long-term retention of the tree.