

## **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS – MONITORING AT THE ETHELDORE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITE (Minute 204/02)**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members of the current situation regarding the 8 trees that were still to be planted by Countryside Properties on the Etheldore Residential Development Site.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The site is located on land at Etheldore and Wood Avenue in Hockley.
- 2.2 Following the issue of a Breach of Condition Notice on 14 September 2001, a report was presented to this Committee on 30 May 2002 that gave details of the works required under this Notice.
- 2.3 Whilst a number of the works had been carried out, there were still 8 semi-mature trees that needed to be planted on the site.
- 2.4 At the meeting of 30 May, Members requested that a further progress report be brought back to this committee on 29 August 2002.

### **3 CURRENT SITUATION**

- 3.1 The Council's Woodlands Officer has met with representatives with Countryside on site and has confirmed the eight remaining semi-mature trees are not yet planted.
- 3.2 Five of these trees were to be planted on plots on which building was still to be completed and the other three trees were for plots that had already been finished, when the previous report was written in May.
- 3.3 Building is now complete on all eight plots but to plant the trees at this time of year would limit their chances of success.

- 3.4 Countryside have informed the Woodlands Officer that they will confirm in writing their commitment to planting all eight semi-mature trees at the earliest opportunity in the new planting season. Dependent on weather conditions this is estimated to be in October or November.

**4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The works specified within the Breach of Conditions Notice are required to be undertaken legally with non-compliance being subject to possible prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

**5 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To note the progress made in respect of the works required under the Breach of Condition Notice at the Etheldore Residential Development site. (CD(FES))

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