

5.1 - TPO 6 of 2021

- PROPOSAL:** TPO 6 of 2021 was served in response to concern raised over possible clearance works to this overgrown and unmanaged site.
- LOCATION:** Situated to the east of Church Road and the north of Newports Crockenhill.
- WARD(S):** Crockenhill and Well Hill.

ITEM FOR DECISION

TPO 6 of 2021 has been served to avoid the overall clearance of what is a young emerging woodland.

RECOMMENDATION: That TPO 6 of 2021 is confirmed without amendment.

Description of Site

- 1 The woodland area as described above consists of mixed deciduous woodland with underlying scrub. The site has not been used for any commercial use for many years and as such, nature has taken over with numerous self-sown trees at the young to mature stages of their growth. It has been reported that an orchard existed here but this is difficult to check, as the vegetation is impenetrable. The remains of commercial greenhouse can be seen but long since unused.

Constraints

- 2 The following constraints apply
 - Metropolitan Green Belt.
 - TPO 06 of 2021.

Amenity Value and Visibility of the woodland.

- 3 This TPO has been classified as a Woodland order. The amenity it offers is measured in its ecological as well as visual benefits. The site is not readily accessible to the public, however it is directly visible to in excess of 60 residencies that are located on its boundaries. Their visual amenity is not generally to do with a singular tree but the group/woodland as a whole. As a result of serving the order, we have received over 40 responses who have all overwhelmingly supported the Order. We have received videos and photographs of animal visitors from the woodland into the adjacent gardens showing Foxes, Badgers, Deer as well as many differing species of bird.

Representations

- 4 One objection to the order has been received from the owners Estate Agent.
- 5 Mr Barnshaw of Bishop Estates has stated that the owners have had issues with land grabbing from some of the neighbours as well as the dumping of garden waste which they wish to access and resolve.

Appraisal.

Consideration of Objections.

- 6 TPO 6 of 2021 was served to ensure that the woodland as a whole was not simply cleared of all vegetation destroying the amenities that currently exist after being abandoned for many years by the owners.
- 7 Officers have met on site with Mr Barnshaw and advised on what can be done and what requires consent. Further guidance has been provided on the potential to manage the site and mitigate against the issues raised. Continuing support is offered by Officers should it be required.

Expediency of preserving the mixed deciduous woodland.

- 8 The woodland has amenity benefits as a whole with roosting and nesting sites for birds within it, as well as the benefits to neighbours. The serving of this order would retain this woodland with control on the extent of any future pruning/felling or management to it.

Conclusion.

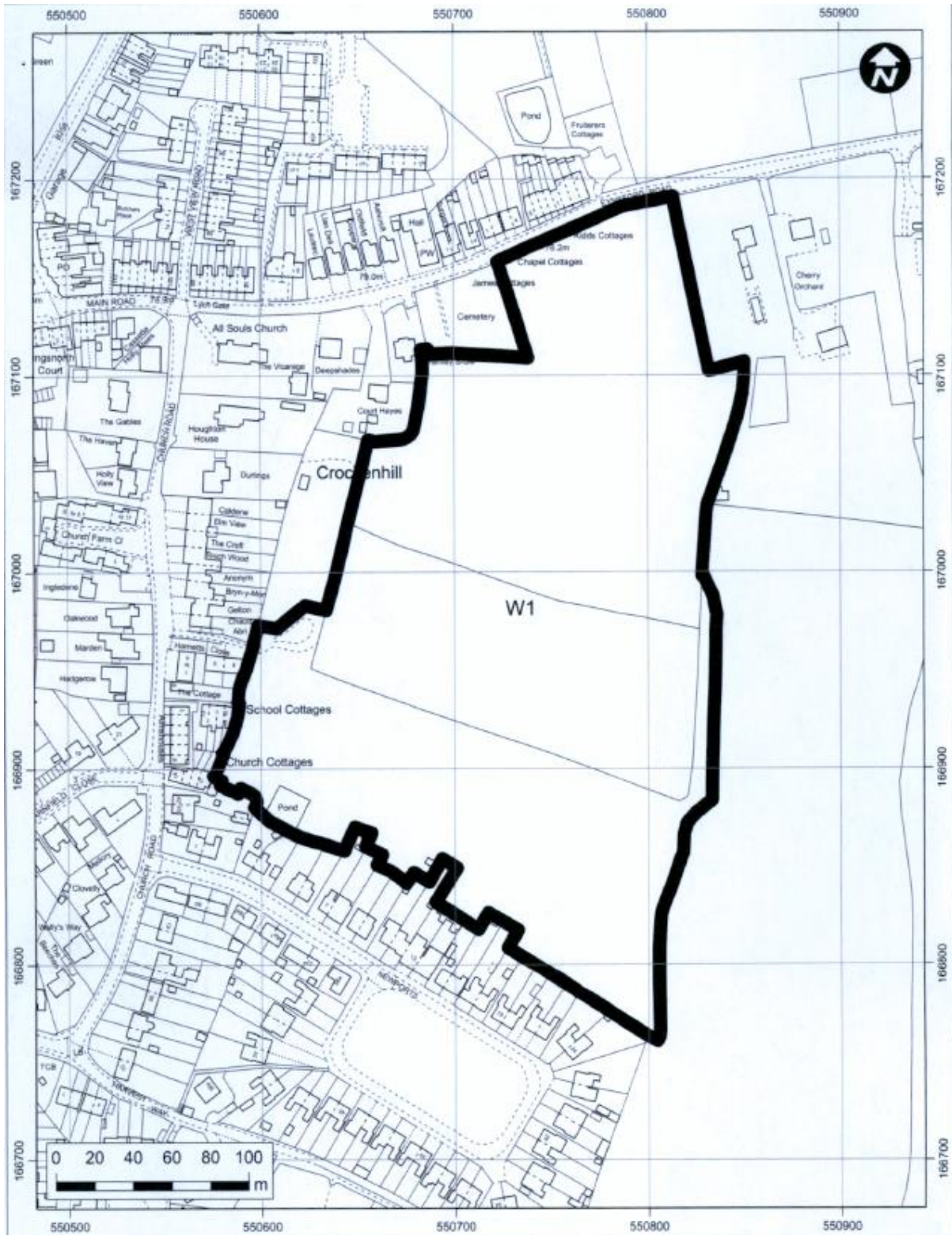
- 9 It is therefore recommended that TPO 6 of 2021 be confirmed without amendment.

TPO plan and Schedule 1 attached as (Appendix 1).

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SCHEDULE 1

SPECIFICATION OF TREES

Trees specified individually
(encircled in black on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Situation*</i>
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Trees specified by reference to an area
(Within a dotted black line on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i> None	<i>Situation*</i>
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Groups of trees
(Within a broken black line on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i> None	<i>Situation*</i>
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Woodlands
(Within a continuous black line on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Mixed deciduous species over scrub</i>	<i>Situation*</i> between Eynsford Road and Newports
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* complete if necessary to specify more precisely the position of the trees.