

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 25**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>19 SEPTEMBER 2012</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>TPO 14/90 - THE MANOR HOUSE, WENNY ROAD, CHATTERIS</b>

**1. PURPOSE**

**The purpose of this report is to request authority from members to revoke Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at The Manor House given that it has been superseded by TPO8/2012**

**2. SUMMARY**

Matters relating to the issue and confirmation of unopposed TPOs are normally dealt with by delegated powers, however the revocation of any confirmed TPO falls outside the scheme of delegation and as such this matter is duly referred to Committee for authority to proceed with the revocation.

All trees worthy of protection on the site have been identified and form part of a replacement TPO 08/2012 which was confirmed on 14 August 2012 under delegated powers as an unopposed order.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended that members authorise that TPO 14/90 is formally revoked.**

<b>Forward Plan Reference No.</b> <small>(if applicable)</small>	Not applicable
<b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Report Originator</b>	Alison Callaby, Planning Performance Manager
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<b>Background Paper(s)</b>	TPO 14/90

## 1. BACKGROUND

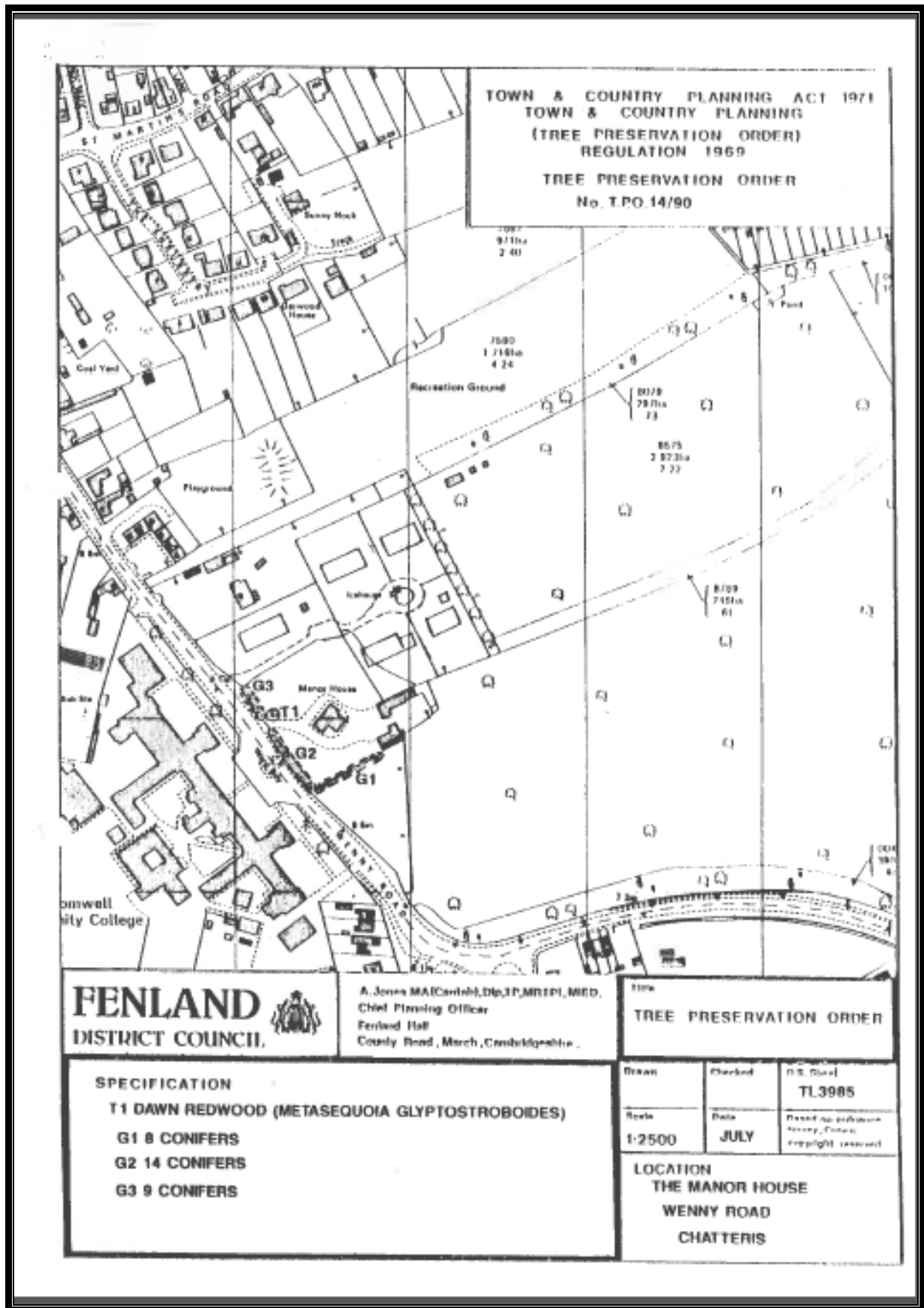
- 1.1 Following a review of the site in response to an enquiry, it became apparent that the historic TPO did not reflect the on-site situation, furthermore a number of the 'groups' identified did not warrant protection.
- 1.2 The site was surveyed and the trees assessed by the Councils Tree Consultant who recommended that a new TPO be prepared which reflected the on-site situation as he did not consider the historic TPO to be enforceable .
- 1.3 The Tree Officer recommended that we revoke and re- issue the TPO to only include Dawn Redwood which was noted as being 'a fine young example of the species and of long term potential considered worthy of individual note.'
- 1.4 Given the poor condition of the remaining trees he did not consider their inclusion within a TPO was justified; as although they clearly provide screening to and from the listed building this was not a sufficient justification for protection.

## 2. ASSESSMENT

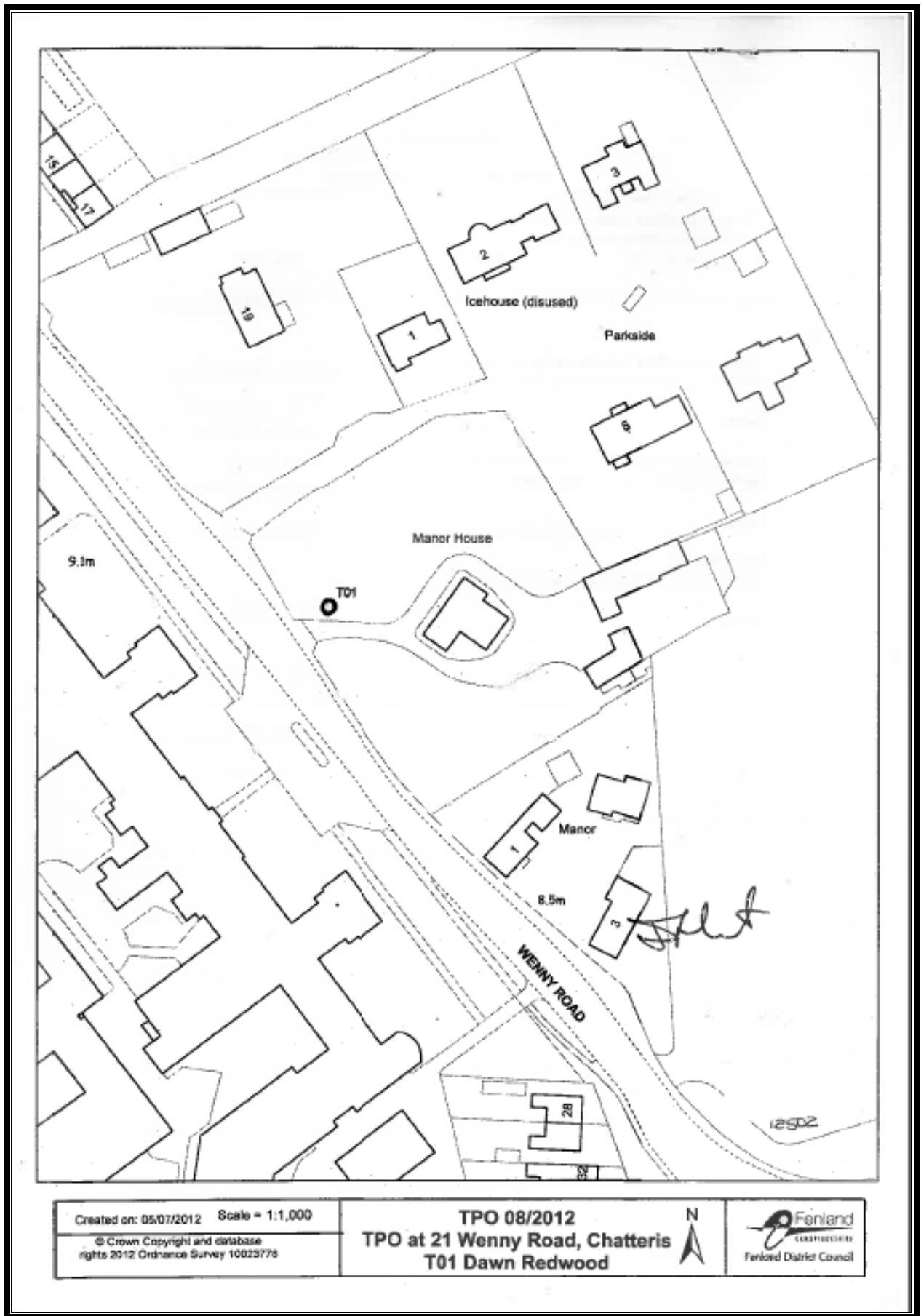
- 2.1 The site has been inspected and the following has been found:

On-site situation	TP14/90 (Historic)
<p><b>Present:</b> TP1 – Dawn Redwood – fine example with long term potential</p> <p><b>Worthy of Protection:</b> Yes</p>	<p>TP1 – Dawn Redwood (Metasequoia Glyptostrobooides)</p>
<p><b>Present:</b> 15 cypress trees, together with several dead standing trunks of diameters which suggest they pre-date the cypress trees. Tree Officer notes that the trunks may be those of the original trees within G1 which have died. With the remaining trees being those planted at the time of the adjacent development (Manor Gardens) being constructed as part of boundary screening)</p> <p><b>Worthy of Protection:</b> No</p>	<p>G1 – 8 Conifers</p>
<p><b>Present:</b> Group G2 is listed in the schedule as being 14 conifers; there are in fact 26 cypress trees, many in poor condition with heavy deadwood and sparse foliage and several dead trees.</p> <p><b>Worthy of Protection:</b> No</p>	<p>G2 – 14 Conifers</p>
<p><b>Present:</b> Group 3 is accurate with 9 cypress trees present and in slightly better condition than G2.</p> <p><b>Worthy of Protection:</b> No</p>	<p>G3 – 9 Conifers</p>

2.2 In light of the above it is considered appropriate to recommend that Members revoke the original TPO; noting that the Dawn Redwood is now afforded protection under TPO08/2012



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