

**AGENDA ITEM NO.14**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>12 DECEMBER 2012</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>TPO REFERENCE: CU/2/465/6, THE SHRUBBERY, CHATTERIS</b>

**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to request authority from members to revoke Tree Preservation Order (TPO) CU/2/465/6 at The Shrubbery given that the trees are no longer in existence.

**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.

The site has been inspected by our Arboricultural Consultant following a routine visit and the trees which had been previously identified as Group 1 were no longer evident.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

It is, therefore, recommended that members authorise that TPO CU/2/465/6 is formally revoked.

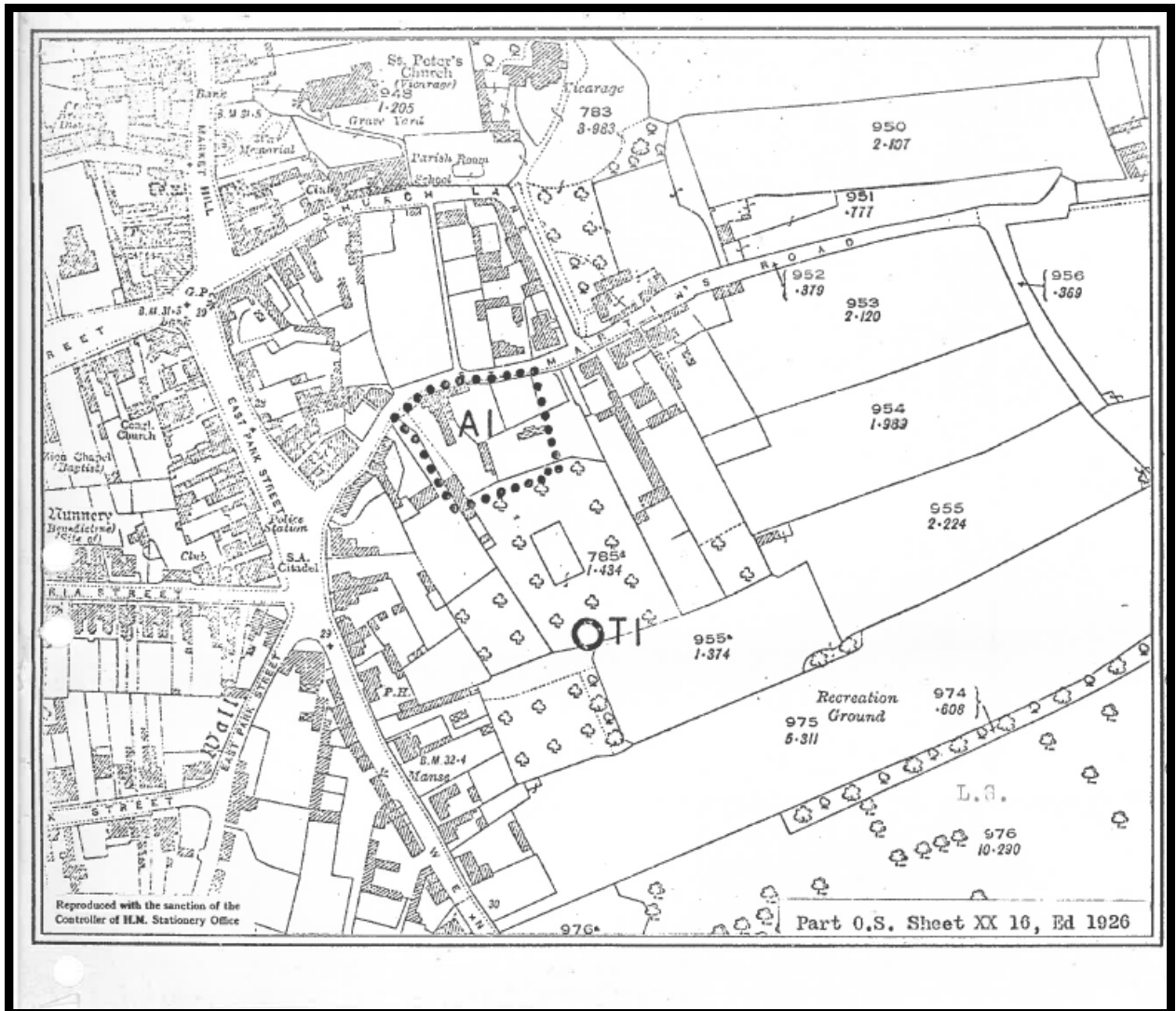
<b>Forward Plan Reference No.</b> (if applicable)	Not applicable
<b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b>	Not applicable
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<b>Background Paper(s)</b>	TPO CU/2/465/6

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Following a review of the site in response to an enquiry, it became apparent that the historic TPO was no longer relevant as the trees previously identified were no longer in evidence.
- 1.2 The TPO file held in the offices indicates that the original TPO, made in 1966, covered as T1 an Ash tree at the southern boundary of the site and G1 a group of 'several horse chestnuts (3), Bird Cherry, Pollarded Limes, Sycamore (1), Yew, Ash and Box at the entrance to the estate.
- 1.3 Other correspondence on the file indicates that over the passage of time various works and felling have occurred; a brief resume of the same is as follows:
  - i) Prior to confirmation of the order (1966) Yew and Box hedge removed.
  - ii) Ministry of Land and Natural resources (1966) excluded the Sycamore and 3 Horse Chestnuts from the Order.
  - iii) (1967) Lime tree was felled as it had suffered root damage during development.
  - iv) (1969) Lime tree in advance state of decay and felling permitted.
  - v) (1969) 5 Pollarded Lime Trees found to be in a 'progressively deteriorating state' and consent granted to fell.
  - vi) (1969) permission given to fell an Ash tree as found to be 'of poor form with long stem and very little head', replacement tree was to be planted.
  - vii) (1969) Consent issued to fell an Ash Tree, replacement tree was to be planted.
  - viii) (1980) record of one 'small' tree being felled to facilitate visibility.
  - ix) (1999) permission granted for works to 3 no. trees

## **2. ASSESSMENT**

- 2.1 The site has been inspected and it has been found that none of the trees originally identified in the original order remain.
- 2.2 Having considered the file records it is clear that various works have been authorised since the original order was made, which have over time, resulted in the majority of the protected trees being lost. Although the records are not precise in terms of detail and species records it would appear that a significant number of the trees have been accounted for.
- 2.3 Whilst there is no evidence of the replacement trees required under (vi) and (vii) on site these may also have died.
- 2.4 It is clear that there are no trees at this site which warrant retention accordingly it is considered entirely appropriate to revoke the original TPO and authority is therefore sought from the Planning Committee to enable this to be actioned.



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