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**REPORT TO:** Area No. 2 Development Control Committee

**DATE:** 4 May 2004

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Technical Services  
*(Miss Sarah Taylor)*

**SUBJECT:** Tree Preservation Order 26/2003

**WARD AFFECTED:** Nun Monkton

**FORWARD PLAN REF:**

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Members deferred consideration of this report to enable the Committee to visit the site. Previous report as follows

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request the confirmation of a provisional Tree Preservation Order.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Committee find it expedient in the interests of amenity to confirm the Tree Preservation Order at 4 South View, Pool Lane, Nun Monkton
- 2.2 The Director of Administration be authorised to take appropriate action to secure confirmation.
- 2.3 The Order be confirmed as The Council of the Borough of Harrogate Tree Preservation Order No. 26/2003

## **3.0 THE REPORT**

- 3.1 The Silver Birch tree is situated to the west of No. 4 South View, Pool Lane, within the garden area and directly adjacent to the entrance road to White Horse View, a property to the rear. The tree is highly prominent and visible from both directions along Pool Lane and is one of few trees in the vicinity. For these reasons it makes a significant contribution to the visual amenity and character of the area.
- 3.2 The applicant proposed to crown reduce the Silver Birch tree by a third under Section 211. Both the Planning Officer and the Council's Arboricultural Officer visited the site and it was concluded that the tree contributed to the visual amenity of the area and that it was in good health and a well-balanced tree.
- 3.3 Crown reduction is a practice, which is avoided in mature trees as it can lead to a large number of wounds, which allows for pathogens and decay to enter the tree. The tree was considered worthy of a Tree Preservation Order and the Provisional Order 26/2003 was made on 5 November 2003.

## **4.0 REPRESENTATIONS**

- 4.1 The expiry date for representations was 26 November 2003. There was a letter from Nun Monkton Parish Council not objecting to the thinning of the tree.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The silver birch tree, which is the subject of this order is of considerable amenity value and an Order is considered appropriate to ensure its retention, particularly as they have no other protection such as pertaining to Conservation Areas

## Background Papers

None

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## SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy		✓	
B	Environment	✓		
C	Social Equity			
i)	General			
ii)	Customer Care / People with Disabilities		✓	
iii)	Health Implications			
D	Crime and Disorder Implications		✓	

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable.

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER****TPO NO****4 South View, Pool Lane, Nun Monkton Harrogate District North Yorkshire YO5 8EL****FIRST SCHEDULE****TREES SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALLY**

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Ref on Map	Description	Situation
T1	Silver Birch	450432 458075

**GROUPS OF TREES**

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Ref on Map	Description (including number of trees)	Situation
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**WOODLANDS**

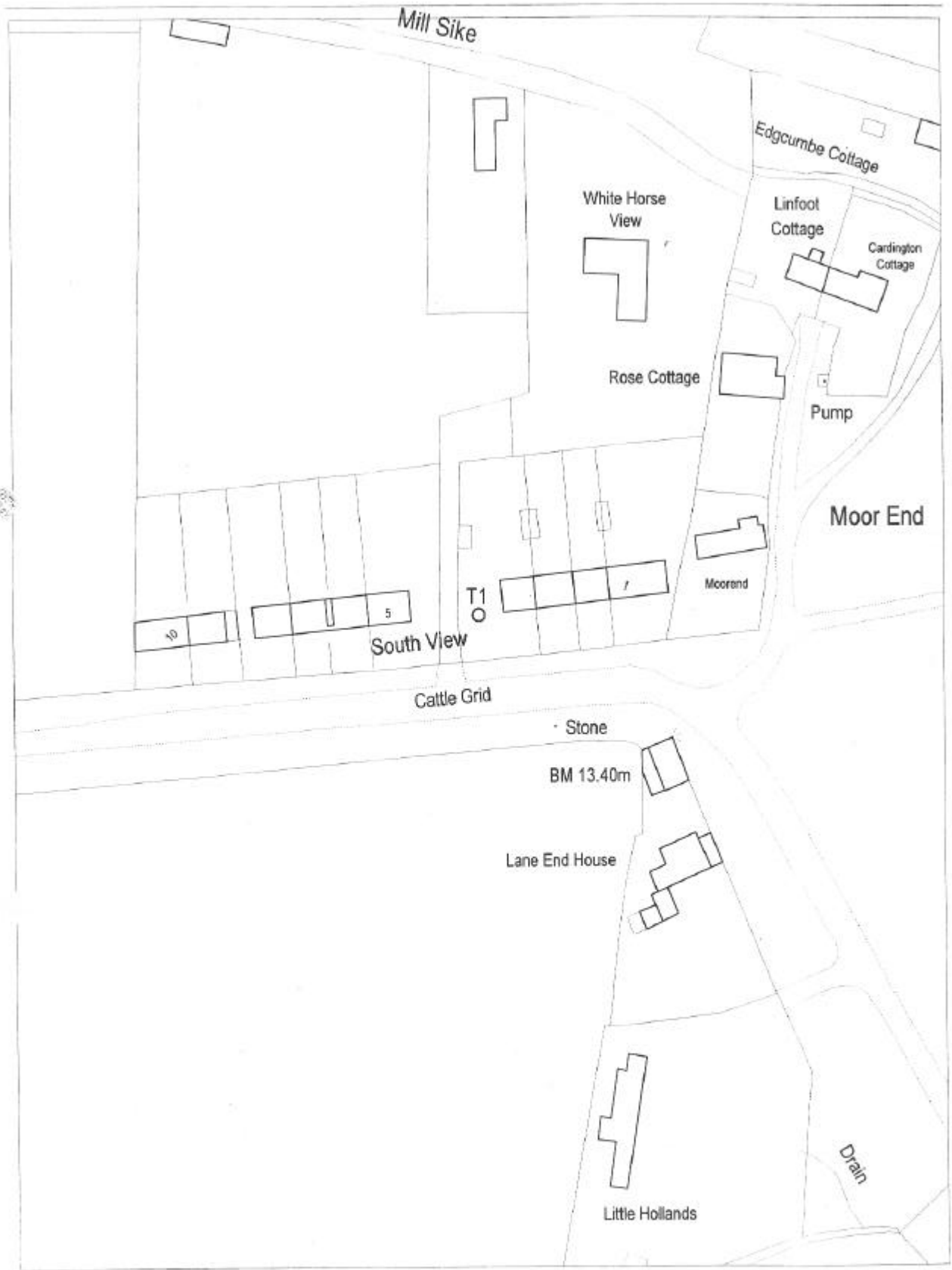
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**TREES SPECIFIED BY REFERENCE TO AN AREA**

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TPO No26, 2003 4, SOUTH VIEW, POOL LANE, NUN MONKTON

SCALE: 1:1000  
 DATE: 27th October 2003

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