

ADDENDUM REPORT PLANNING COMMITTEE 1st JULY 2010

Item: 6.8
Site: 2 St Lawrence Road: objection to the making of Tree Preservation Order No.469
Ref: DC/T1/2/1
Applicant: Not applicable
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The owners of the protected trees at 2 St Lawrence Road Mr Woolley and Catherine Hennessey have contacted us to state that they would have wished to have spoken at committee but unfortunately due to bereavement in the family they were unable to register and attend. They have asked in their absence if the comments they would have made can be reported to the Committee. The main points raised therefore have been summarised below:

- **Amenity: visibility from a public place.**

The owner states that the Copper Beech is clearly visible in its own right from all parts of the lower section of St Lawrence Road and also Houndsicombe Road. The Copper Beech is of far greater size than the Magnolia the other protected tree which the objector acknowledges is 'very visible'.

- **Setting**

The owner states that this tree is a Copper Beech which is often planted in gardens and towns for its distinctive purple leaves. The setting of both trees is in fact consistent with the Victorian domestic architecture of the area. The objector states that Beech trees are commonly found within woodlands etc. Many street trees have been removed over the years and not replaced. Therefore for the objector to suggest that there are sufficient trees already is incorrect.

- **Expediency**

The owner quotes the reasons why a local Planning Authority might make a TPO eg: if there is a risk of a tree being pruned in ways which would have a significant impact on the amenity of the area. The owner is concerned that the objectors will cut the Beech back to the boundary and this will result in poor arboricultural management and have a significant impact on the amenity of the area.