

DATED 13th July 1971.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1962.
AND 1968

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BIRKENHEAD
(77/79 SHREWSBURY ROAD)

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

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IAN G. HOLT,
Town Clerk,
Birkenhead.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BIRKENHEAD

(Land forming the curtilage of 77/79 Shrewsbury Road)

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 1970.

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF BIRKENHEAD in this Order called "the authority", in pursuance of the powers conferred in that behalf by section 29 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962 and section 16 of the Civic Amenities Act 1967 and subject to the provisions of the Forestry Act 1967, hereby make the following order:-

1. In this Order -

"the Act" means the Town and Country Planning Act 1962;

"owner" means the owner in fee simple, either in possession or who has granted a lease or tenancy of which the unexpired portion is less than three years; lessee (including a sub-lessee) or tenant in possession, the unexpired portion of whose lease or tenancy is three years or more; and a mortgagee in possession; and "the Minister" means the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Order and to the exemptions specified in the Second Schedule hereto, no person shall, except with the consent of the authority and in accordance with the conditions, if any, imposed on such consent, cut down, top, lop or wilfully destroy or cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping or wilful destruction of any tree specified in the First Schedule hereto or comprised in a group of trees or in a woodland therein specified, the position of which trees, groups of trees and woodlands is defined in the manner indicated in the said First Schedule on the map annexed hereto which map shall, for the purpose of such definition as aforesaid, prevail where any ambiguity arises between it and the specification in the said First Schedule.

3. An application for consent made to the authority under Article 2 of this Order shall be in writing stating the reasons for making the application, and shall by reference if necessary to a plan specify the trees to which the application relates, and the operations for the carrying out of which consent is required.

4. (1) Where an application for consent is made to the authority under this Order, the authority may grant such consent either unconditionally, or subject to such conditions (including conditions requiring the replacement of any tree by one or more trees on the site or in the immediate vicinity thereof), as the authority may think fit, or may refuse consent:

Provided that where the application relates to any woodland specified in the First Schedule to this Order the authority shall grant consent so far as accords with the principles of good forestry, except where, in the opinion of the authority, it is necessary in the interests of amenity to maintain the special character of the woodland or the woodland character of the area, and shall not impose conditions on such consent requiring replacement or replanting.

(2) The authority shall keep a register of all applications for consent under this Order containing information as to the nature of the application, the decision of the authority thereon, any compensation awarded in consequence of such decision and any directions as to replanting of woodlands; and every such register shall be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable hours.

Provided that no compensation shall be payable in respect of loss or damage suffered by reason of such refusal or grant of consent in the case of any trees the subject of a certificate in accordance with Article 5 of this Order.

10. In assessing compensation payable under the last preceding Article account shall be taken of:

- (a) any compensation or contribution which has been paid whether to the claimant or any other person, in respect of the same trees under the terms of this or any other Tree Preservation Order under section 29 of the Act or under the terms of any Interim Preservation Order made under section 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Act 1943, or any compensation which has been paid or which could have been claimed under any provision relating to the preservation of trees or protection of woodlands contained in an operative scheme under the Town and Country Planning Act 1932, and
- (b) any injurious affection to any land of the owner which would result from the felling of the trees the subject of the claim.

11. (1) A claim for compensation under this Order shall be in writing and shall be made by serving it on the authority, such service to be effected by delivering the claim at the offices of the authority addressed to the Clerk thereof or by sending it by prepaid post so addressed.

(2) The time within which any such claim shall be made as aforesaid shall be a period of twelve months from the date of the decision of the authority, or of the Minister, as the case may be, or where an appeal has been made to the Minister against the decision of the authority, from the date of the decision of the Minister on the appeal.

12. Any question of disputed compensation shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of section 128 of the Act.

NOTE: Any person contravening the provisions of this Order is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) of section 62 of the Act and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds; and if in the case of a continuing offence the contravention is continued after conviction he is guilty of a further offence thereunder and liable on summary conviction to an additional fine not exceeding forty shillings for every day on which the contravention is so continued. Under sections 13, 14 and 15 of the Civic Amenities Act 1967 if a tree is wilfully cut down or destroyed, or if topping or lopping is carried out in such a way as to be likely to destroy the tree the fine is £250 or twice the value of the tree whichever is the greater. If a tree other than one which is part of woodland is removed or destroyed in contravention of the Order it is the duty of the owner of the land, unless on his application the local authority dispense with the requirement, to plant another tree of appropriate size and species, at the same place as soon as he reasonably can.

S E C O N D S C H E D U L E

This Order shall not apply so as to require the consent of the authority to

(1) the cutting down of any tree on land which is subject to a forestry dedication covenant where

(a) any positive covenants on the part of the owner of the land contained in the same deed as the forestry dedication covenant and at the time of the cutting down binding on the then owner of the land are fulfilled;

(b) the cutting down is in accordance with a plan or operations approved by the Forestry Commission under such deed.

(2) the cutting down of any tree which is in accordance with a plan of operations approved by the Forestry Commission under the approved woodlands scheme.

(3) the cutting down, topping or lopping of a tree exempted from the provisions of this Order by section 29(7) of the Act namely a tree which is dying or dead or has become dangerous, or the cutting down, topping or lopping of which is in compliance with obligations imposed by or under an Act of Parliament or so far as may be necessary for the prevention or abatement of a nuisance.

NOTE: Section 13(1) of the Civic Amenities Act 1967 requires, unless on the application of the owner the local authority dispense with the requirement, that any tree removed or destroyed under section 29(7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962, shall be replaced by another tree of appropriate size and species. In order to enable the local planning authority to come to a decision, on whether or not to dispense with the requirement, notice of the proposed action should be given to the local planning authority which except in a case of emergency shall be of not less than five days.

(4) the cutting down, topping or lopping of a tree

(a) in pursuance of the power conferred on the Postmaster General by virtue of section 5 of the Telegraph (Construction) Act 1908;

(b) by or at the request of

(i) a statutory undertaker where the land on which the tree is situated is operational land as defined by the Act and either works on such land cannot otherwise be carried out or the cutting down, topping or lopping is for the purpose of securing safety in the operation of the undertaking;

(ii) an electricity board within the meaning of the Electricity Act 1947, where such tree obstructs the construction by the board of any main transmission line or other electric line within the meaning respectively of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1919 and the Electric Lighting Act 1882 or interferes or would interfere with the maintenance or working of any such line;

(iii) a river authority established under the Water Resources Act 1963, a drainage board constituted or treated as having been constituted under the Land Drainage Act 1930, where the tree interferes or would interfere with the exercise of any of the functions of such river authority or drainage board in relation to the maintenance, improvement or construction of water courses or of drainage works; or

23. (2) A notice under this section shall be served in writing within twenty-eight days from the receipt of notification of the decision, certificate or direction, as the case may be, or such longer period as the Minister may allow.

23. (4) Where an appeal is brought under this section from a decision, certificate or direction of the authority, the Minister, subject to the following provisions of this section, may allow or dismiss the appeal, or may reverse or vary any part of the decision of the authority, whether the appeal relates to that part thereof or not, or may cancel any certificate or cancel or vary any direction, and may deal with the application as if it had been made to him in the first instance.

23. (5) Before determining an appeal under this section, the Minister shall, if either the appellant or the authority so desire, afford to each of them an opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed by the Minister for the purpose.

23. (7) The decision of the Minister on any appeal under this section shall be final.

24. Where an application for consent under the Order is made to the authority, then unless within two months from the date of receipt of the application, or within such extended period as may at any time be agreed upon in writing between the applicant and authority, the authority either -

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(a) give notice to the applicant of their decision on the application; or

(b) give notice to him that the application has been referred to the Minister in accordance with directions given under section 22 above;

the provisions of the last preceding section shall apply in relation to the application as if the consent to which it relates had been refused by the authority, and as if notification of their decision had been received by the applicant at the end of the said period of two months, or at the end of the said extended period, as the case may be.

27. (1) If it appears to the authority that it is expedient to revoke or modify any consent under the Order granted on an application made under Article 3 of the Order the authority may by Order revoke or modify the consent to such extent as they consider expedient.

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27. (2) (Subject to the provisions of section 16 of the Civic Amenities Act 1967 and section 80 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1968) an Order under this section shall not take effect unless it is confirmed by the Minister; and the Minister may confirm any such Order submitted to him either without modification or subject to such modifications as he considers expedient.

27. (3) Where an authority submit an Order to the Minister for his confirmation under this section, the authority shall furnish the Minister with a statement of their reason for making the Order and shall serve notice together with a copy of the aforesaid statement on the owner and on the occupier of the land affected, and on any other person who in their opinion will be affected by the Order, and if within the period of twenty-eight days from the service thereof any person on whom the notice is served so requires, the Minister, before confirming the Order, shall afford to that person, and to the authority, an opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed by the Minister for the purpose.

80. (6) This section does not apply to such Order revoking or modifying a consent granted or deemed to have been granted by the Minister under Part III or Part IV of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962 or under Part II or Part V of the Town and Country Planning Act 1968.

DATED this 13th day of July 1971.

THE COMMON SEAL of The
Mayor Aldermen and
Burgesses of the County
Borough of Birkenhead
was hereunto affixed in
the presence of:-

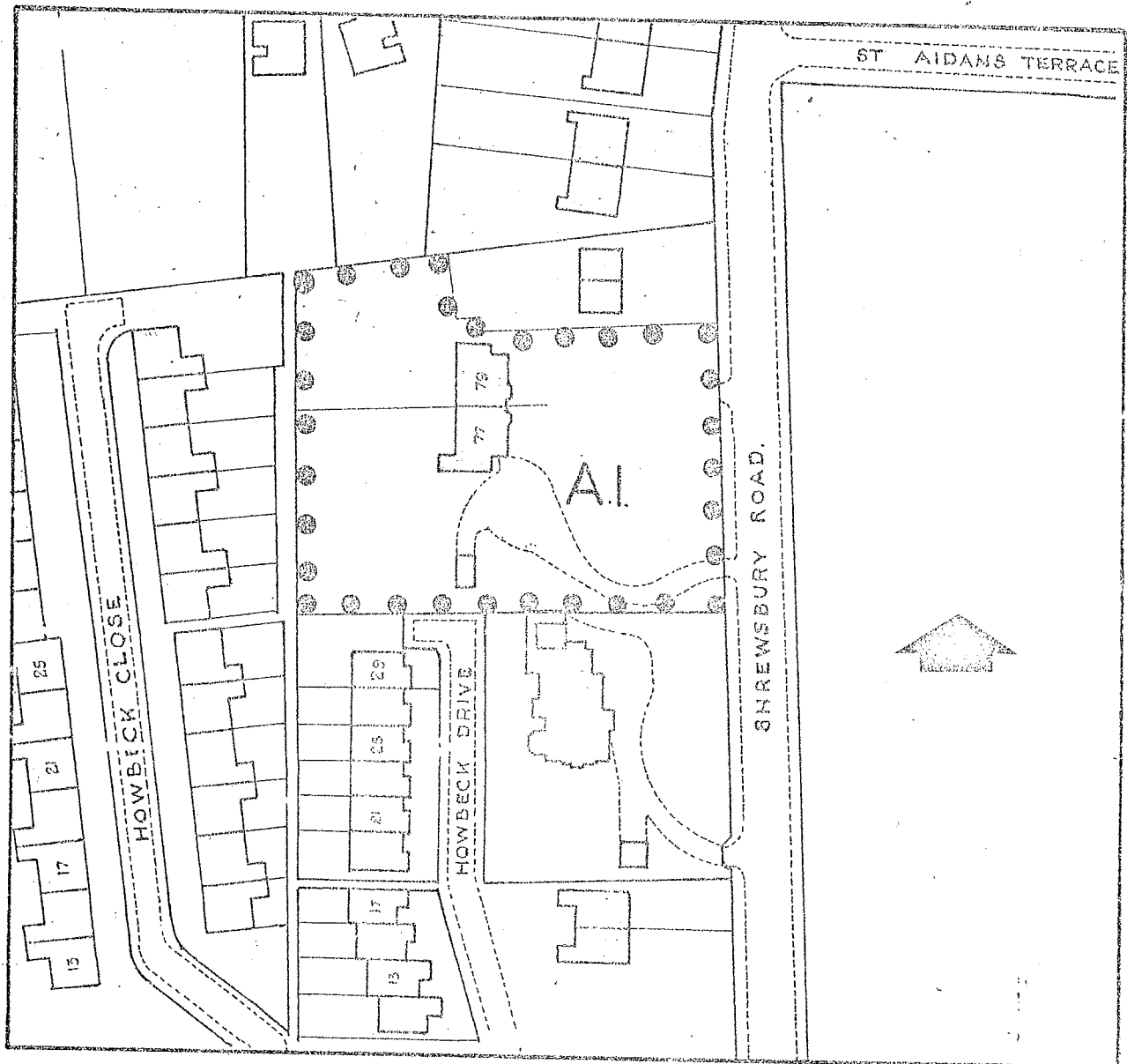
Mayor (Alderman R. W. Porter)

Town Clerk (Ian G. Holt)

map referred to

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BIRKENHEAD

77-79 Shrewsbury Road
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