



**ANNEX C – CDC TPO ASSESSMENT**

## Cotswold District Council Tree Preservation Order Appraisal

Site: **55 Thomas Street**

Date: **08.10.25**

Officer: **J.Hobbs**

General Description of Tree(s) (or group of trees/woodland):

**1 no mature copper beech tree. Approx height & spread all round growing on frontage of 55 Thomas Street**

### **1 Public Visibility**

Public places from which the tree can be seen (including future considerations such as development)

Whole tree clearly visible front main road through Cirencester.

Is/are the tree/trees a skyline feature?

No growing in in an elevated position.

Is/are the tree/trees seen against a backdrop of other trees?

Not in the main.

Is/are the tree/trees a visual feature in a Conservation Area or AONB?

Prominent, landmark tree in the vicinity.

### **2 Arboricultural Quality**

Is/are the tree/trees in reasonable arboricultural condition?

Yes – No significant structural or physiological risk features at time of assessment. Good crown vitality, no significant deadwood, no evident basal issues, no fungal fruiting bodies.

Is/are the tree/trees an appropriate species for the character of the locality and landscape?

A large tree but one that enhances the locality (large trees in urban areas of Cirencester becoming increasing uncommon)

Is/are the tree/trees a particularly old or large example of its species and/or does the tree have veteran characteristics?

Large, prominent, fully mature. Does not have veteran characteristics.

Does/do the tree/trees have specific cultural, historic or biodiversity interest?

Not known whether the tree has a cultural or historic interest locally. Large native trees have biodiversity value.

### **3 Life Expectancy and Replaceability**

Has/have the tree/trees a biological life expectancy of more than 20 years?

Yes, nothing presently to indicate that it does not.

Is/are the tree/trees growing in sufficient space to be allowed to grow for a further 20 years?

Tree has reached fully mature size. Pruning / containment of canopy spread would be appropriate.

Could the visual amenity value of the tree/s be replaced by new planting within 10 years?

No, absolutely not.

Is there clear evidence of structural damage to property caused by the tree(s) that could only be resolved by removal of the tree(s)?

No

#### **4 Impact of Removal**

Would the loss of the tree(s) be noticeable from public places?

Yes, considerably.

Would the removal of the tree(s) harm or benefit the health or stability of other trees?

No

Would the removal of the tree(s) result in loss of screening of an eyesore or poor quality landscape feature?

No

Is/are the tree/trees part of an agreed landscape/ tree retention scheme or replacement planting scheme subject to a planning condition?

No

#### **Conclusions**

Would the removal of the tree(a) have a significant negative impact on the local environment and its enjoyment by the public?

Yes

Would protection with a TPO bring a reasonable degree of public benefit in the present or future?

Yes

Expedient to serve a Tree Preservation Order

**Yes**