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**AGENDA NO 4
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

DATE : 4th April 2007

**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
SERVICES**

07/0125/X

**Rear Of Norton High Street, Back Of Health Centre And Adjacent
Allotments**

**Application to fell 5 no. Pear trees, 2 no. Sycamore trees, 1 no. Ash tree
and 1 no. Red Horse Chestnut tree**

**Stockton on Tees Borough Council (Land off Norton High Street, Stockton
on Tees) Tree Preservation Order 2006 No 653**

Expiry Date: 10th April 2007

Summary

The comments of the Building Control have been received.

Building Control Officer

It was noted that during a site inspection that the trees varied and at different stages in their development. Opinion was sought from a tree expert.

Due to soil conditions in the area, it is unlikely that heave would occur with moisture returning to the ground if the trees were removed. There is therefore unlikely to be any structural damage to the adjacent properties.

Any new development would be subject to both Planning and Building Regulation applications and existing trees and their effect on surrounding buildings would be taken into account at that point in time.

RECOMMENDATION

In light of the information supplied by the applicant, and the professional advice of the Council's Arboricultural Officer and Building Control Officer, it is recommended that formal consent to fell the named trees be granted.

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Financial Implications

As report.

Environmental Implications

As Report

Community Safety Implications

N/A

Human Rights Implications

The provisions of the European Convention of Human Rights 1950 have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

Background Papers

Application for consent to fell 07/0125/X

Tree Preservation Orders: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice (2000)

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999.

Ward Norton North

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