

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

Planning Committee

18th February 2026

**UPDATE REPORT AND OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE
PREPARATION OF THE MAIN AGENDA**

Item 8 Update:

**Bath and North East Somerset Council
(Amenity land at Ivy Avenue, Southdown, Bath No.334)
Tree Preservation Order 2025**

An email has been received from the residents of an address in Ivy Avenue who originally lodged an objection to the Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

The residents wish to withdraw their objection to the TPO and support the confirmation of the TPO. They wish their revised comments to be made available to the Committee as explanation which has been added to this update report.

As a consequence, the following amendments should be noted in any reference to the second objection with the Tree Preservation Order report at paragraphs:

1.3 The TPO has been brought to the Planning Committee because one objection has been received following the making of the TPO.

3.9 One objection has been received to the making of the Order from the landowner. A decision on whether the TPO should be confirmed or not must therefore be made by Planning Committee. The objection is attached to this report.

3.10 v. This paragraph primarily incorporates the comments made in the withdrawn objection comments. This should be amended to:
Local residents have commented positively regarding improved daylight to their properties following recent works.

3.12 14 supporting comments have been received from individuals who live in Ivy Avenue.

Pages 93 to 96 relate to the objection so no longer apply.

The officer recommendation remains unaltered.

From: STEVEN CHAPMAN
Sent: 10 February 2026 13:04
To: Jane Brewer

Subject: Re: Tree Preservation Order 2025 : Amenity land at Ivy Avenue, Southdown, Bath No 334

Dear Jane

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Following discussions with our neighbours regarding the temporary TPO, we wish to **retract** our original objection to the TPO. Please accept this email as our written notification to be in favour of a permanent TPO against the amenity of land at Ivy Avenue.

It was been brought to our attention that the land owner of the shared amenity land has no intention of undertaking management works to the necessity of dead or dangerous overhanging trees to maintain the area as a safe haven for wildlife and eco sustainability. In fact, we have since learnt that it is the land owner's intention to build houses on this shared amenity land and this is definitely not what our original objection to the TPO was in favour of. As we explained to you in our previous correspondence we wished to have proactive management of the trees and land and not felling them completely in order to build houses.

The amenity area, if managed correctly by the land owner, provides valuable space that contributes significantly to the character of the neighbourhood, the wellbeing of residents and the overall quality of the local environment. The loss of this land would have a detrimental impact on the community and would permanently remove a space that is widely appreciated.

The 'proposed development' would also negatively affect nearby homes, including our own, through increased noise, disruption, loss of outlook and reduced residential amenity. The amenity area currently offers visual openness and a sense of green space which would be replaced by overdevelopment that is out of keeping with the existing character of the area. In addition, the development would place a further strain on available parking which is already under pressure.

We are unable to attend the Planning Committee meeting but would appreciate it if you could submit this email and our comments to those who will be making a decision on approving the TPO as permanent.

Kind regards

Steven and Mary Chapman

