TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS PANEL

Monday, 29th January, 2007

Present: Cllr Mrs F A Kemp (Chairman), Cllr P J Drury, Cllr Mrs E M Holland,

Cllr P J Homewood and Cllr D Lettington.

Councillor Sullivan was also present pursuant to Council and Committee Procedure Rule No 15.21.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 07/001

There were no declarations of interest made.

DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

LA TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO 1 2007 07/002

The Chief Solicitor reported that a Tree Preservation Order had been made in July 2006 and renewed in January 2007 on a Corsican Pine tree in the garden of 14 Stirling Road, West Malling. An objection had been received from the property owner and the Chief Solicitor outlined the process to be followed for the hearing of the case for and against the confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order.

An officer from Planning Services responded to the issues raised by the objector and consideration was given to the report of the Council's independent arboriculturalist. The Panel heard representations from the objector in relation to the threat posed by the tree to his property and that of his neighbour who had also written a letter in support of the objection.

After detailed consideration of the issues raised in the report and the presentations, the Panel

RESOLVED: That the objections to the Order be upheld and the Tree Preservation Order be not confirmed.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

LA EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC 07/003

No items were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2005 hours