

EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL

TREE AND TREE WARDEN POLICY

The Parish Council will strive to maintain the green acreage within the village.

It is the policy of the Parish Council:

- To actively promote biodiversity within East Leake.
- To protect all areas of its own land recognised for its wildlife importance.
- To use any influence it may have on other landowners and to promote and support such activities by third parties.
- To preserve and enhance the wildlife in its locality for future generations.
- To actively manage trees on its own property and to use any influence it may have to protect existing trees on other land.
- To promote the planting of new trees by third parties.
- To see more and healthier trees in East Leake.
- To protect trees against damage whether inadvertent or otherwise.
- To promote the planting of more new trees as an essential part of all new developments in East Leake.
- To appoint tree wardens to assist in these aims.

The Tree Warden Scheme – The object of the Scheme is to have people can co-ordinate local tree based environmental improvements on behalf of their parish/town council. The Tree Council is responsible for coordinating the national scheme and providing guidance and support for projects that Tree Wardens may get involved in with such as Seed Gathering, Walk in the Woods, Tree Planting and Tree Maintenance. The Tree Council are the lead organisation for the National Tree Warden Scheme but, in order to reach all the volunteer Tree Wardens, they rely on the support of local networks which are led by local coordinators. In Rushcliffe the County Council acts as the local network coordinator for all tree wardens in the county and is responsible for assisting the Tree Council by delivering support, training and guidance for tree wardens at a local level. Any information or newsletters, training course details etc. is then sent direct to the tree warden to their home address or preferably their email address. The Parish/Town Councils are responsible for the health and safety and insurance of their volunteer Tree Wardens. If a Tree Warden works on a project with another organisation such as a school or community group, then the tree warden needs to check if they are covered by the Parish Council insurance or if they need to make sure that the other organisation will cover them for insurance purposes. Tree Wardens should be encouraged to work with a whole range of organisations within the community, however, as an appointed Parish Council volunteer then they are still representing the Parish Council and should not act in such a way as to bring the Parish Council into disrepute. Tree Wardens will keep the Parish Council informed of their

activities, reporting to the Parish Clerk. Periodically that committee will invite all Tree Wardens to attend one of their meetings or a meeting arranged specifically to allow them to air matters of interest and they are welcome to attend any meetings of that committee when they have any issues they need to raise. Tree Wardens are invited to assist the relevant committee in keeping the policies up to date. The Parish Council can encourage the wardens to get involved in making suggestions and helping with design for the management and enhancement of the trees in the Parish open spaces. The Parish Council also keeps an inventory of species identified within the village and Tree Wardens are invited to feed into this.

The Tree Warden will be an advocate for the trees of East Leake. This will include all the trees in the Parish. They will help bring awareness to the community of the value of the trees. Trees, woods and hedges that are disappearing from our landscapes due to:

- Agricultural change
- Urban and industrial development
- Neglect
- Disease
- Storms and droughts

There are a number of increased challenges that trees are facing - such as stress through climate change and new pests and diseases including ash die back and Phytophthora species. All these challenges highlight the finite life span of trees and the need for a continuing programme of promoting natural regeneration, of managing woodlands, and of planting trees as future replacements for and enhancement of existing stock. We need to act now if future generations are to enjoy the beauty and variety of our landscapes. To be most effective, this action should be taken by people on the spot; the people who know their localities intimately and who have most to gain from the protection and enhancement of their environment. In addition, monitoring the condition of trees and an awareness of responsibilities that landowners and managers have for their trees is important and not always appreciated.

Tree Warden Objectives:

- Perform inspections of the village trees and any issues identified such as trees that need removing or maintenance will be passed onto the Parish Council or landowner.
- Request parishioners report any issues to them.
- Raise awareness in schools and for various planting schemes and invite to apply for funding.
- Campaign to raise tree awareness using Social Media Platforms, Community events, local publications.

- Organise seed gathering walks and pilot a “Grow it at home” scheme for planting within the community.
- Identify any current funding available from varying sources to fund projects, involve community groups wherever possible.
- Raise awareness of the tree warden role within the local farming community and make them aware of the various tree funding available to them.
- The tree warden will work alongside the Parish Council in all matters.

Land Controlled by the Parish Council and the trees on the land:

- Oldershaw Trust Land
- Top Playing Field, (Behind Pavilion)
- Rest Garden (Opposite Salisbury Avenue)
- Small Area by Parish council Workshop
- Village Green (Pinfold war memorial)
- Glebe (open Land on to station road junction).

Rushcliffe Borough Controlled land (see attached plans)

- Former Tip, Rempstone Road
- Gas Governor Site, Gotham Road
- Land Adjacent to Holme Avenue
- Land Adjacent to St Marys Crescent
- Land Northwest of Truro Close
- East Leake Leisure Centre
- Meadow Park
- Playing Field (leased to ELPC) and public open space
- Public Convenience, Gotham Road

Nottinghamshire County Council - To be identified

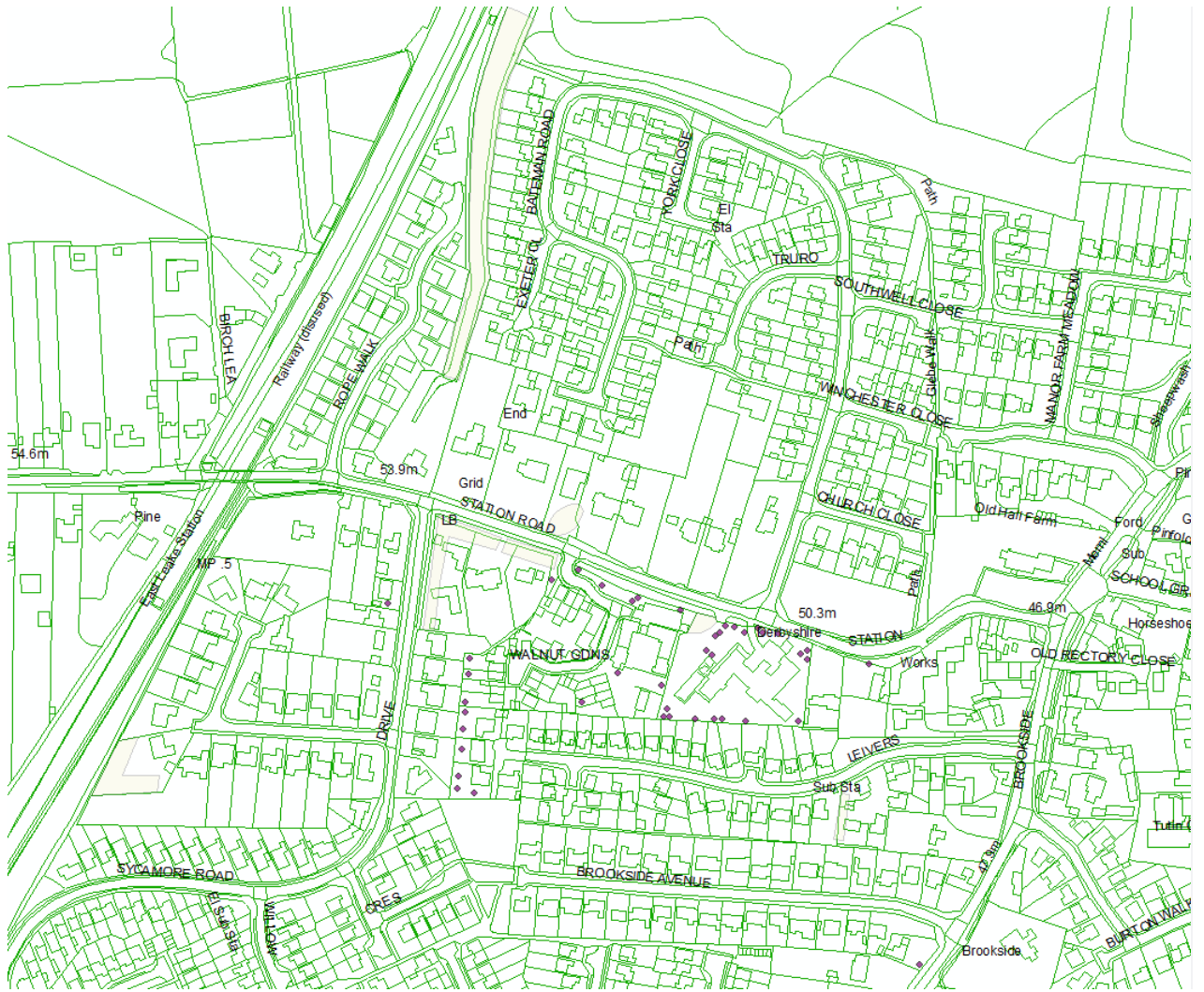
The land that stretches from the Railway bridge on West Leake Road to the Baptist church are in a conservation area and therefore protected by TPOs.

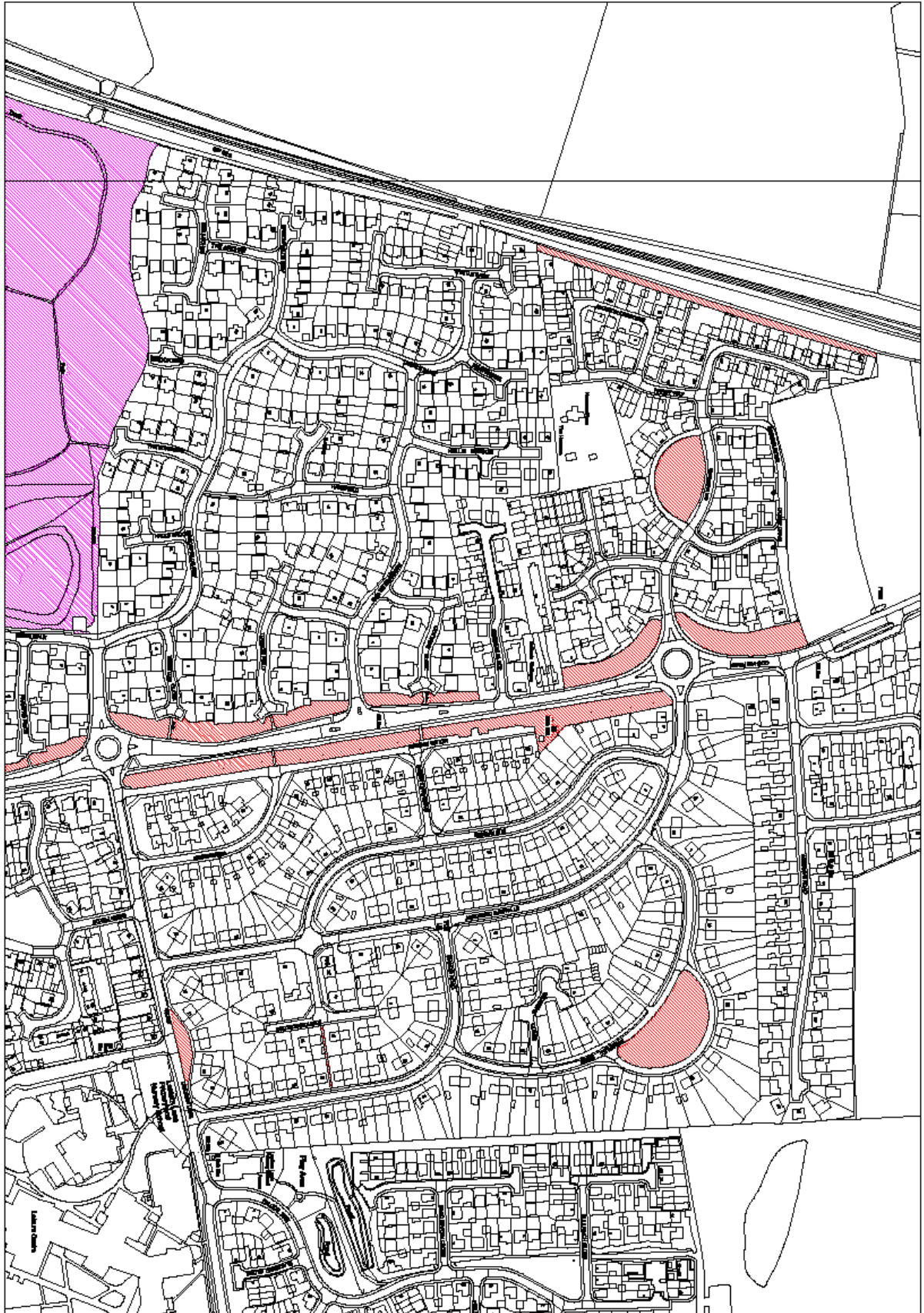
There are two registered Ancient Trees in East Leake:

2 x Ash Trees on private land

Trees with a Preservation Order (TPO):

The Purple dots represent individual trees, the Pale green shading areas are groups or woods.

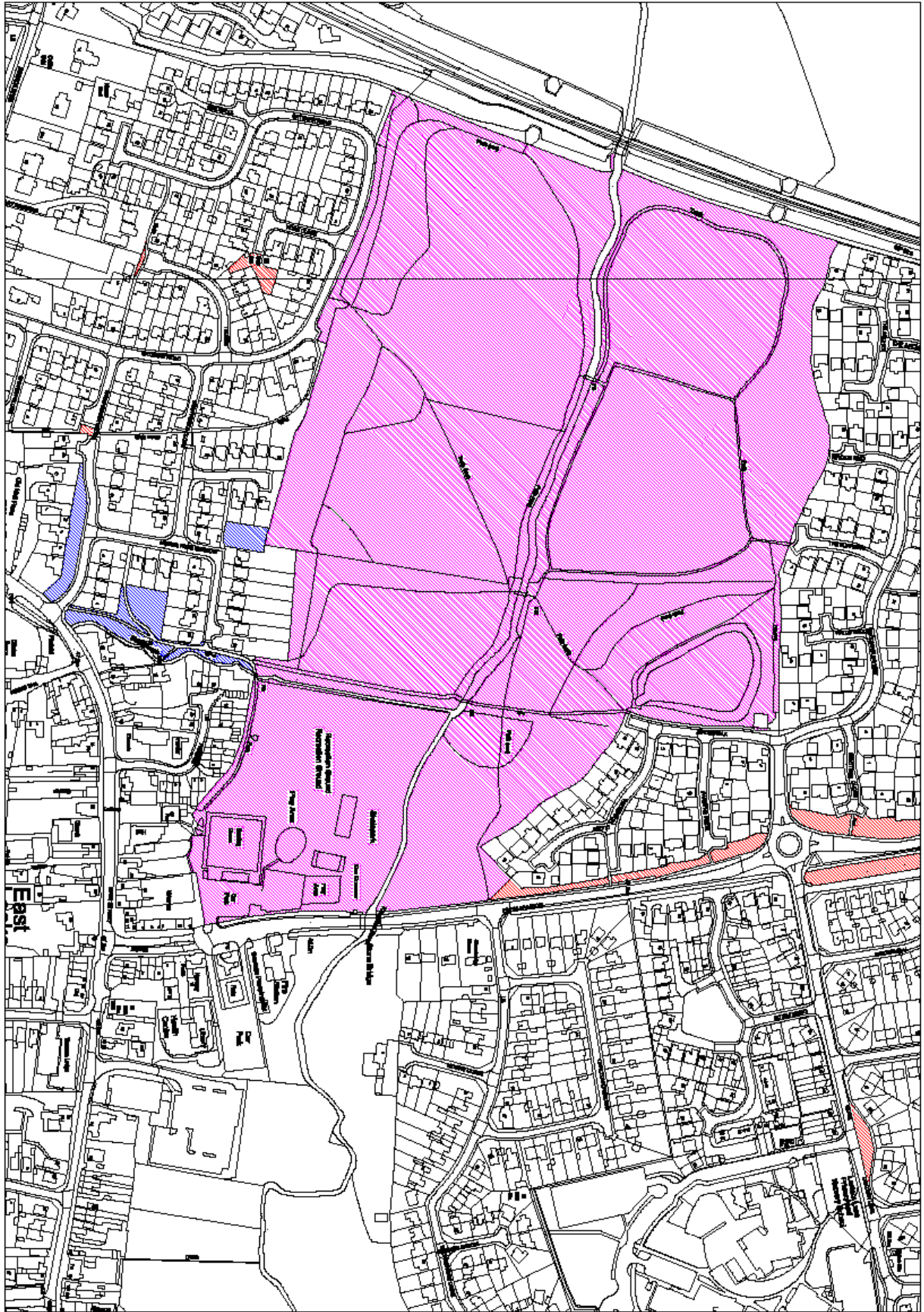




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