TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1997 THE WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (NO. 4) 2022 – ROUNDHILL COPSES, PYRAMIDS BUSINESS PARK, BATHGATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COUNCIL, AS PLANNING AUTHORITY, UNDER AND IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED ON THEM UNDER SECTION 160 OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACT, MADE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER IN RESPECT OF THE TREES DESCRIBED BELOW.

THE SAID ORDER TOOK EFFECT ON: THURSDAY 9<sup>Th</sup> JUNE 2022

THE ORDER MAY BE INSPECTED AT:

(1) PLANNING SERVICES CONSULTATIONS WEB-PAGE: <u>https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/planningconsultations</u>

(2) RECEPTION DESK OF WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, HOWDEN SOUTH ROAD, LIVINGSTON EH54 6FF, BY ANY PERSON, FREE OF CHARGE, BETWEEN 9.00AM AND 4.30PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

(3) WRITTEN OBJECTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ORDER MAY BE MADE TO THE CHIEF SOLICITOR, WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, HOWDEN SOUTH ROAD, LIVINGSTON EH54 6FF AND MUST BE MADE IN WRITING, STATING THE GROUNDS ON WHICH THEY ARE MADE.

EMAIL OBJECTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ORDER CAN BE SENT TO THE <u>DPtrees@westlothian.gov.uk</u> IN-BOX STATING THE GROUNDS ON WHICH THEY ARE MADE.

THE CONSULTATION CLOSES AT 4:00PM ON FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2022

WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE HOWDEN SOUTH ROAD, LIVINGSTON CAROL JOHNSTON CHIEF SOLICITOR

## TREES AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE ORDER:

WOODLAND (W1 – WEST COPSE): MATURE BEECH WOOD WITH ADDITIONAL MATURE SYCAMORE, WYCH ELM, GOAT WILLOW, AND, NEWER MIXED DECIDUOUS TREES INCLUDING NORWAY MAPLE, ASPEN AND BIRD CHERRY.

WOODLAND (W2 – EAST COPSE): MIXED WOODLAND OF PREDOMINANTLY MATURE BEECH WITH MATURE SYCAMORE, LIMES, PINE AND ASH TREES; NEWER TREES INCLUDE MAPLE, CHERRY AND WHITEBEAM.

## REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER:

THESE WOODLAND COPSES INCLUDE MANY MATURE BEECH TREES WHICH FEATURE AS PART OF THE RURAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER OF WEST LOTHIAN AND ARE IMPORTANT HISTORIC SURVIVORS OF A TRADITIONAL LANDSCAPE PATTERN. THESE COPSES ARE VISIBLE FROM ADJACENT ROADWAYS AND FORM AN EDGE TO NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 75. THEY REQUIRE TO BE PROTECTED FOR THEIR HIGH AMENTY VALUE, CONTINUED HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL LANDSCAPE CHARACTER.