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Date 10 December 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (TPO) OBJECTION RESPONSE

Thank you for your letter dated 14 October 2018 relating to the serving of TPO/00004/TPO. I have reviewed your letter and subsequently undertaken another site visit taking into account the points you have raised. It is noted that your letter outlines the removal of T4 Lime and T5 Beech from the order and there is no comment on the three remaining trees.

My recent inspection of T4 Lime out of leave has identified decay at the point of previous reduction pruning in the upper crown. As such I believe that substantial tree surgery is required in the future to maintain the structural integrity of the tree and that it's public amenity would be compromised. Therefore, T4 Lime would be removed from any confirmed order.

However, the intention is still to confirm trees T1, T2, T3 and T5.

In response to the points you have raised please find below a brief summary and a response to T5 Beech:

Point 1. A large proportion of the garden is tree covered

It is acknowledged that together T4 and T5 are prominent in the front gardens of the dwellings. T5 Beech still has growth potential, however, it is not out of place with regard to other large trees along the Oundle Road corridor. Also as it is north facing the issues of shading are lessened and the presence of a TPO does not prevent the appropriate management of the tree (further to a tree works application).

Point 2. Falling branches

The safety of trees is taken seriously. However, it is the landowner's duty to ensure that their trees are safe. It is advised that trees are inspected regularly to identify unsafe branches. It should be noted that no permission is required to remove deadwood branches from protected trees which is the most common kind of branch to fall from a tree.

Point 3. Seasonal nuisances i.e. bird droppings, leaves, honeydew and other tree debris

These points are noted. However, the issues stated mainly deal with T4 which will be outside of the TPO as identified above and will be the main cause of honeydew (sap) on your cars. In general seasonal nuisances are not sufficient reasons to severely prune or remove trees that are subject to, or are worthy of a TPO. Seasonal nuisances are common to all trees to varying degrees and are considered a reasonable 'nuisance' given the benefits trees provide.

Point 4. The right to maintain the tree(s) as per the owner's wishes

As stated above the presence of a TPO does not prevent the appropriate management of trees. If tree works are requested that are appropriate and to best industry practice/the appropriate British Standard then it is unlikely trees works would be refused.

I hope you can reconsider your objection to the TPO and can confirm that you no longer object to its confirmation.

However, if you wish to continue your objection to the confirmation of T5 Beech in 18/00004/TPO on the objection grounds you have raised please can you confirm this for me.

If you wish to continue your objection it will be heard and decided by the elected members at the next available planning committee which will be held Tuesday 29 January 2018 at 1.30pm. You or a representative will have the opportunity to speak at the meeting to outline your objections to the confirmation.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to your decision on whether or not to continue with your objection to 18/00004/TPO.

Yours sincerely

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BRYAN CLARY
Tree Officer