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Head of Planning Services  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Tree Preservation Order: 23/00009/TPO**  
**Site Location: 7A Maffit Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough, PE5 7AG**

We are writing in respect of your letter dated 22 November 2023 to our neighbours at 7A Maffit Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough, PE5 7AG regarding the above Tree Preservation Order. We live at No. 1 The Bungalow, Maffit Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough, PE5 7AG, which is directly opposite 7A Maffit Road.

We have several issues with the tree concerned in the Tree Preservation Order, which we outline below. These observations are particularly noted during the spring, summer and autumn months:-

The tree is growing very tall and very widespread and has now grown across the narrow width of Maffit Road and is bending into our property boundary line. Some of the heavy branches are leaning alarmingly, the tree looms over our bungalow and it sways a lot during periods of high winds. If it continues to grow, it will eventually lean totally over our front lawn and bungalow roof.

When the tree is in full bloom and is heavily laden with leaves during the spring, summer and early autumn it blocks the light in the front rooms of our bungalow.

The leaves from the tree are falling/blowing into the gutters at the front of our property and when it rains the leaves are sticking and remaining in the gutters causing the rainwater in the gutters to not fall away/discharge properly. The leaves are clogging up the gutters which we are constantly having to clear.

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We have two conservation walls at the front of our property from the old mining colliery which used to be in Ailsworth. We are concerned that any heavy winds/storm could cause potential damage from the tree to the conservation wall it is bending over.

Some of the branches from the tree have totally obscured the lamp post and light outside No. 7a Maffit Road and the tree is also blocking telephone lines.

As the width of Maffit Road is very narrow and no cars can park either side, lorry drivers, delivery trucks, contractor vans and heavy duty agricultural equipment drivers for the farm at the top of Maffit Road take the opportunity to drive at speed along Maffit Road and the tops of vehicles knock against the lower branches and cause them to fall. We have found branches/twigs on our front lawn and in the road.

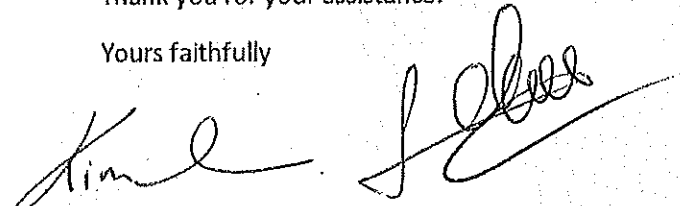
If the tree continues to grow and lean, we are worried that if it were to fall during a storm/bad weather/heavy winds, it could cause serious structural damage to our bungalow, gardens and the conservation wall and injury to ourselves. There is also a potential safety issue when the tree is heavy in full bloom if any semi-broken branches fall on unsuspecting passersby/vehicles during bad weather.

The tree is having a substantial effect on our enjoyment of our property due to its height, width and leaning.

We would be grateful for your response to our concerns.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully



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