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13th December 2023

Dear Kim & Gerald

Re - Tree Preservation Order 23/00009/TPO - T.1 Box Elder

Site Location: 7a Maffit Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough

Further to your letter dated 30th November regarding the above matter, please note the following points in reply.

The above Box Elder was protected by the above Tree Preservation Order (TPO) because a S.211 Notice (23/01416/CTR), giving Peterborough City Council (PCC) six weeks Notice that the tree was to be felled, which at the time was protected by growing with the Ailsworth Conservation Area (ACA)

The Box Elder is considered to be in good health & condition, it contributes to the character & appearance of the Ailsworth Conservation Area and offers public visual amenity value to the immediate and wider area/environment. The making of the TPO was supported by Ailsworth Parish Council.

I note your concerns with regards to the safety of the tree, however, there is no evidence to suggest the tree is in an unsafe or dangerous condition that may cause the tree or significant branches to fail causing any damage to the highway or adjacent property.

Unfortunately, the issue of leaves, is not of a serious concern when considering tree retention and protection within the district.

A tree work application can be made to address the issue with regards to the street light/lamp post and any low branches over the highway - Maffit Road.

I'm sorry to hear that the tree is having an effect on the enjoyment of your property due to its height, width and lean. Again, it may be possible to address some of these issues, to a degree, by making a tree work application to undertake sympathetic pruning conducive to good arboricultural practices in the future.

Please confirm if you would like your letter treated as an 'objection' to the making of the TPO, to be considered at the Planning & Environmental Protection Committee, prior to the TPO being considered for confirmation.

If you wish to discuss any of the above points further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Chesney-Beales
Tree Officer