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Dear Sir

Ref LS/RC/76411 – TPO 410 (2016)

I wish to formally object to the TPO served on an area of land opposite number 6 Canterbury Drive on the following grounds:-

A qualified tree surgeon was contacted as we had concerns over the safety of several trees around the perimeter of the land that appeared to be poor specimens approaching the end of their lives and therefore likely to cause damage to adjacent properties. One branch had already fallen into a property on Canterbury Drive and the owner of 45 Canterbury Avenue has recently employed a tree surgeon to remove a large overhanging branch from an ash tree. The remaining tree is a large specimen that leans significantly towards his property.

The tree surgeon carried out an assessment and agreed with us classing 11 trees as 'potential hazards to neighbouring houses' in his quote to remove them. I have this in writing.

We therefore asked him to go ahead with the work on safety grounds to avoid problems occurring but were stopped by the serving of a TPO on the whole area, not even on an individual tree that could be classed as a valuable specimen.

It was never our intention to remove all the trees, some of the better specimens such as a large beech and a sycamore containing a rookery were to be retained as they pose no threat. I therefore fail to see how your grounds of 'the trees having significant amenity value' and 'under threat' can therefore be upheld on the whole area.

We are keen on wildlife, appreciating nature & the environment but believe this work is necessary and not detrimental to the area. The worry of potential damage has caused my mum (who owns the land) a great deal of distress for a while now so we are keen to sort the situation out.

Please note my mum also strongly objects to your officer entering her property without having the courtesy to contact her & warn her of his visit. I understand the Council have rights to access private land in certain situations but with her living adjacent the land there is no reason why he couldn't have called.

Yours faithfully



Fiona Oxley

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