Hallamshire View, Tree Preservation Order No. 808/413: Served 8th December 2016

List of objectors

1) Mr Lofthouse. 8 Hallamshire View.
2) Denise & Mark Cooper. 4 Hallamshire View.
3) Mrs G Jepson. 2 Hallamshire View.
4) Mr & Mrs S Bloom. 1 Hallamshire View.
5) Mrs Judi M Sutherland. 9 Hallamshire View.
6) Dr Shalini Urs & Dr Arun Urs. 6 Hallamshire View.
7) Dr Catherine Bateman. 5 Hallamshire View.

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December 20th 2016

YOUR REFERENCE; LS/RC/78436

Fao: Mr Richard Cannon, Professional Officer

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 8th December 2016, addressed to the occupiers of the Town Houses at Hallamshire View, imposing Tree Preservation Order No. 413 with immediate effect. Firstly I would strongly object to the tone of your letter. The wording is quite inflammatory and the TPO appears to be a knee-jerk reaction to a wrongly-based perception on the Council's part. To say the order has been made as "various trees are believed to be UNDER POSSIBLE THREAT OF FELLING AND POLLARDING" is quite ridiculous and couldn't be further from the truth. The fact is that we as a group have discussed the year-on-year reduction of light and sunlight to our houses and gardens on a number of occasions and we approached the Council with a view to discussing the possibility of felling certain trees and trimming branches on a number of others. How this approach can be perceived as a "THREAT" is out of order and totally misrepresentative of events as they unfolded.

The word "pollarding" was used by myself when I first me Andrew Conwill having been led to believe that it meant trimming certain branches but when Mr. Conwill explained what the word actually meant this possibility was not considered further.

Your letter refers to the "visual amenity value of the locality" which I can understand to a certain extent but would appear not to take account of our needs, and perhaps right, to have light and sunlight on our properties. This problem has got progressively worse over the years as the trees have grown. Furthermore the tree at no. 8 (T2) is in the middle of my back garden and cannot possibly contribute to any perceived visual amenity value of the locality, which is of course anyhow entirely subjective.

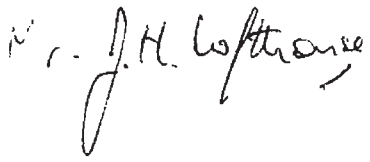
Interestingly the two pine trees (T4 and T5) are of major concern. I understand permission was given previously to trim T5 but subsequently, after a large branch broke off causing damage, permission to trim further was not granted. One of the pines appears to be a potential hazard given that it is leaning badly over the pavement. We were only proposing to remove some of the lower branches on each pine tree to allow access to sunlight.

We are obviously unhappy with the TPO order and this letter, therefore constitutes my personal Appeal against this decision.

What we as a group would really like to do is to have a meeting with Council personnel, either at Hallamshire View or at your offices, in order that the whole matter can be discussed openly and

honestly. If that can be arranged we would be most appreciative and I look forward to hearing from you regarding this suggestion.

Yours faithfully,



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FAO Mr Richard Cannon
Reference LS/RC/78436

22 December 2016

Dear Mr Cannon,

Objection to tree preservation order 413 - 5-9 Hallamshire View, S10 5ST

With reference to your letter dated 8th December, referring to the application of a tree preservation order (TPO) to 5 trees in the gardens of the above properties. We wish to object to the TPO for the following reasons:

1. When a neighbour recently enquired about the status of the trees in these gardens he was advised the trees were not protected and removal or trimming of the trees was permitted.

2. The trees in question seriously impact the natural light in our garden, this means that plants cannot survive in parts of the garden and also reduces the enjoyment we get from using the garden. We noticed a significant difference in the effect the trees had on our garden in summer 2016 compared to summer 2015.

3. The trees affect the natural light in our kitchen, at times making this room very dark.

4. The trees are forest trees, they are very large to be in such close proximity to our houses and are growing quickly, probably more quickly than would have been anticipated when the houses were built, and certainly more quickly than we expected when we purchased our house.

5. The pine trees drop pine needles over our garden for several months of the year making an unsightly mess.

6. The pine trees drop pine needles over the public footpath on Sandygate Road, making an unsightly mess.

7. We fail to see how the presence or otherwise of these trees can have significant impact on users of Sandygate Road - the impact on the residents of Hallamshire View (including ourselves) is far more significant as the trees are negatively impacting our lives on a daily basis due to blocking our light.

Yours sincerely,

Denise & Mark Cooper

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Mrs. G. Jepson.
2 Hallamshire View.
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21st Dec 2016.

Dear Sir/madam.

I am writing regarding the "Formal Notice" received by all residents of Hallamshire View. I find the "Notice" in question quite unnecessary. I believe my neighbours of 5-9 Hallamshire View requested one of your colleagues to visit the development to merely ask if it was possible for the trees in their gardens to be considered for pruning or cutting back and gave their reasons for this. The homes and gardens of their homes suffer from a lack of natural light due to the size of these trees and the shade they give.
It was never a possibility that any of these trees would be cut/pruned/lopped by residents of Hallamshire View therefore to send such a "formal Notice" as if this would be considered by residents is quite appalling.
If your colleague who visited to inspect these trees had to live in the houses affected by lack of light and had to have his lights on all day, everyday!! because of the lack of natural light perhaps he would reconsider his decision.
The residents of Hallamshire View only wanted the trees to be considered for cutting back as to hopefully let more natural lights into their Homes and gardens. Surely this would be more "environmentaly friendly" than using "electricity".
We at Hallamshire View are all aware of our environment and do our utmost to help

respect and value our city, perhaps Sheffield City Council should also respect, value and consider the lives of its residents and council tax payers!!

Yours sincerely

E. Topsan.

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Mr and Mrs S.Bloom
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30/12/16

Ref: Notice of Tree Preservation order LS/RC/78436

We are writing in regard to the proposed Tree Preservation Order to voice our concerns and raise an objection.

We are concerned that an honest attempt to seek advice with regard to tree management is being presented by the Council as 'a threat 'rather than as a request to engage in a conversation about what might be possible – this is an extremely unhelpful response on the part of the Council.

With regard to the 'visual amenity' value of the trees identified in the proposed order, we would like to make the following observations:

- Whilst voicing a concern about visual amenity value to the general locality, the Council response does not seem to consider the visual impact on the residents of the houses that are directly affected by tree shading. There is significant loss of sunlight to these houses, to the considerable detriment of the residents. Any visual amenity value to the more general locality is marginal in comparison to the direct affect on the residents of Hallamshire View.

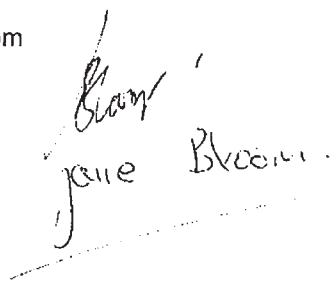
- The proposed order states that the trees identified are visually prominent when viewed from Redmires Road and Sandygate Road, but this is not the case for trees T1 and T2 which are well set back and are themselves screened from view by buildings and other trees.

Our wish to have a conversation about what might be done to improve the lot of residents is in stark contrast to the high-handed approach of the council (via Amey) in planting Scots pine trees in the embankment outside our property, with no consultation or any thought about how these trees might impact upon local residents.

In light of these observations and concerns, we would like the Council to halt the proposed order and engage in a conversation about what might be done to improve the situation for our residents.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart and Jane Bloom



the proposed TPO, it is unnecessary.

Your claim that trees "are believed to be under possible threat of felling and pollarding" is untrue and offensive. Mr J. Hofthouse used the term "pollarding" in his letter of 10/10/16 mistakenly. He did not understand the true meaning of the word, and when advised of it by Mr Conwill he dismissed the term immediately as unsuitable.

I do not agree that all the trees included in the order are "visually prominent when viewed from Redmires Road and Sandygate Road and contribute to the visual amenity value of the locality". Certainly the sycamore T2, on your map, in the garden of No. 8, does not fall into that category. It is positioned half way down the garden of No. 8, well away from the road, on a steep slope. It is a very large sycamore, dense

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F.A.O. Mr Richard Cannon,
Professional Officer

Dear Sir,

How disappointed I was to receive your letter of the 8th. Dec. 2016 re imposing Tree Preservation Order No. 413 on 5-9 Hallamshire View, S10 5ST.

We residents of Hallamshire View have always acted responsibly when wanting to manage the growth and care of the trees on our development. We have always approached the Council for permission before undertaking any work - even though the trees have not had a preservation order on them! Thus I object to

with foliage, and were it to be blown over in a storm would be a danger and could cause considerable damage to the property. This single tree is the main problem in restricting much needed light into the homes of the residents of Nos. 4, 9 Hallamshire View. In my opinion this tree, T2, should be made the priority in considering how best it could be pruned and managed to benefit all concerned We asked for your advice on pruning and what we got is a T.P.O. Where's the sense in that?

The sycamore T3, in my opinion, is too close to sycamore T2, and too close to the boundary wall of Hallamshire View and the pavement of Sandygate Road. Ultimately the tree's roots will damage the wall and the newly re-surfaced pavement. If this were to be taken down and replaced with a suitable planting (e.g. A Malus or Sorbus or Crataegus), which we would be more than

happy to provide, I think this would contribute to the visual amenity value of the locality.

The two pine trees T4 and T5 would benefit from some pruning of a few lower branches and a tidying up. This would contribute to the visual amenity value of the locality

I think it is unfortunate that the Council has taken this knee-jerk reaction to our enquiry. We have gone through the proper chanels and just want to manage the trees on our propety. All trees need care and management, not just to be left over decades to grow at will. Forests are managed, great estates are managed, plantations are managed. Do you not think it would be a good idea to engage with Sheffield residents in advising them on how to care for their trees and perhaps to advise them on suitable planting for their gardens.

Talking of "suitable planting";
myself, Mrs Gill Jepson and
Mrs Jane Bloom have been
trying to facilitate a meeting
with the Council/Amey to
discuss the planting of
Scots Pines on the grass
embankment outside our
property. We have just been
presented with a fait accompli
and our opinions and concerns
ignored. Yet another case
of high-handedness!

I recently had blood tests at
my doctor's as part of a
well-woman check up - the
outcome was that my
Vitamin D levels were found
to be at rock bottom and I
am now on medication to try
and improve the situation.
This condition will have been
exacerbated by the lack of
sunlight coming into my
garden and home.

For many years I have felt

that an important part of
taking Sheffield forward would
be for more contact and
discussion to take place
between the people of
Sheffield and the Council as
a whole and the Council
Officers. Both sides could
learn from each other and benefit.
For this reason I think the
next step would be for
the residents of Hallamshire
View to have a meeting
with you, either at your
offices or at Hallamshire View.

Yours faithfully

Judi M. Sutherland (Mrs)

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From

Dr & Dr Urs

6 Hallamshire View

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Dear Mr Cannon

Re- Tree preservation order- ref LS/RC/78436

We Dr Shalini Urs and Dr Arun Urs residing in 6 hallamshire view would like to object to the tree preservation order as sent out on letter dated 8 Dec 2016. The trees in our garden are significantly obstructing light essentially needing to use electricity inside the house even in summer months. The shades from the trees are so much that its naturally depleting us from the sun shine that we rarely get in summer months. This is also affecting the growth of the grass. We are hardly getting any time to sit in garden due to constant lack of sunshine. We would like this to be reviewed and the consideration given to trim/cut the relevant tress. We are very much aware to preserve trees and would surely need where needed. Many thanks

Dr Shalini Urs

Dr Arun Urs

11/Jan/2017
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9th January 2017

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Dear Mr Cannon

I should like to object to the proposed Tree Preservation Order made on 8th December 2016. I have made contact with the council previously regarding the large pine tree in our garden (T5 on the map) and have been told on at least 2 occasions that there already was a preservation order in place, which I gather now was inaccurate.

The pine tree (T5) is very large and now clearly disproportionate for a garden of this size. In comparison to similar pines in the surrounding area its trunk is very thick and the foliage and branches are very dense. It has greatly reduced the natural light in our house and garden, particularly over the last few years, so that even on a day in midsummer there is very little sunlight. My son has been found to have low vitamin D levels and I am not unsurprisingly concerned about the health implications of this.

The huge quantity of pine needles falling into the gardens, drain pipes and guttering of all the properties is very difficult and time-consuming to deal with. They also make a mess on the pavement. A large branch has fallen from the tree previously and the tree is leaning towards the road. There is substantial movement of the trunk in windy weather and I am concerned that someone could be injured or vehicles damaged.

I am also supportive of concerns raised by the other residents in this development regarding the trees in their gardens.

In addition, I am unhappy with the tone of the letter sent from your department on 8th December which was unnecessarily inflammatory and threatening.

I look forward to further discussion about the council's decision regarding the orders made on the trees in Hallamshire View.

Yours sincerely

Dr Catherine Bateman