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"The Sycamores"
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***f.a.o. Richard Cannon
Legal Services
Sheffield City Council
Town Hall
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Your reference – LS/RC/81373

8th December 2017

Dear Mr Cannon,

Re - Tree Preservation Order

We refer to your letters dated 23rd October 2017 & 6th December 2017, also our letter to you dated 9th November 2017.

We have noted that the most recent drawing (A4/UED/808/416a) now shows 10 trees instead of 8 shown on the previous drawing.

The trees referred to are extremely high and, although you show 10 trees, there are actually 18 tree trunks. These trees are all sycamores and are causing us increasing problems due to the amount of leaves that fall in the autumn months and the dirty sticky sap that drips off the trees.

We actually find it essential to jet-wash our drive (which is very large) at least twice a year to prevent it causing a hazard to service people visiting the house. The amount of leaves that fall from these trees on to our drive and property is enormous.

As we are now in our late 60's / early 70's, we cannot do all of this ourselves, consequently it results in us needing to spend a considerable amount of money to clear the leaves, remove moss from our house roof, clear gutters and clear the grime on the drive that is caused by these trees.

We would appreciate if someone could visit us to discuss this matter, as we would like to significantly prune (or even remove) some of these trees in order to minimise the problems caused. We fully understand that we can only do anything to these trees with a TPO if the SCC give their approval.

Could someone please arrange to visit us to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

As requested in our previous letter (dated 9th November 2017), we would also appreciate if you could advise us whether there are any other trees on our property which are subject to tree preservation orders.

We note that the council have made the TPO because :

- 1 The trees are of significant **amenity** value*
- 2 The trees are considered to be under possible threat of removal from proposals to develop the site and construct a second dwelling.*

*With reference to item 1 above, we (as owners of the property) certainly don't consider the trees to be of **any** amenity value to us – in fact quite the opposite as mentioned in this letter.*

With reference to item 2 above, our daughter & son-in-law applied to have a house built on our property: in order to be close to us as we get older. However the SCC have rejected the application and it is extremely unlikely that another application will be submitted in the future.

Please advise us at your earliest opportunity regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely



M J & Mrs J Wheeldon