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8 Village Close
Kirby Cross
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RECORDED DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Dawson

17/00012/TPO 8 Village Close Kirby Cross

Please find enclosed my application form for works to the Oak tree at the above address. You will see that I am applying to have the tree cut back to a small stump about 12 to 18 inches high. As you are aware from our meeting a couple of years ago the TPO was put on this tree in November 2017, just as I purchased 8 Village Close, and on moving into the property I immediately had it trimmed in accordance with the Council's requirements. However, since then the issues have become increasingly severe in that

1. Mine and my neighbours' vehicles are being damaged by pigeon droppings, tree sap, and twigs and parts of the tree being blown off in the wind. This has meant that I have to wash mine and my wife's car every day to stop the droppings eating into the paintwork.
2. The tree has grown so much bigger that it is now blocking out the light to both my house and that of my neighbours
3. The pigeon droppings can be smelled inside my property and visitors as well as myself and my wife are carrying the droppings into the house. As you are no doubt aware bird droppings especially to the extent being experienced now are a public health risk which could result in Psittacosis and Salmonella. Then there is the additional risk, although rare, of respiratory disease from pigeon droppings in the form of Histoplasmosis and Cryptococcosis.
4. In the Autumn the falling leaves are so many that I have to clean up daily
5. I have the full support of my neighbours who are supporting my application to have the Oak Tree removed, and the petition they have signed is enclosed.

In support of my application I enclose a number of photographs showing the situation.

The stress and worry I suffer each day are seriously affecting my mental health. I am 78 years old and cannot undertake these tasks for much longer, therefore my physical health is also being affected. I am sure no one can reasonably expect someone to have to endure this situation.

I request that you treat this application with the utmost consideration for the implications these issues are having on both my physical and mental health as well as the quality of life of both myself, my wife and my neighbours.

Sincerely,

M Booth

To
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