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Written Objection to TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - TPO 5/2022 - Hawkesworth House, Nesfield, Ilkley, LS29 0BS

Dear Harrogate Borough Council

Please take this letter as an objection to the provisional TPO above served on 9 February 2022. This letter is further considered to comply with regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

My name is Ross Cannon, and I am representing Mr & Mrs. Barnett of Hawkesworth Cottage, Nesfield (the applicant). I am an independent tree surveyor and consultant and have had the opportunity to look at the S211 notification, undertake a site visit and appraise the TPO documents and information which informed it.

Both myself and the applicant welcome the principle of the TPO and all the good that trees provide to the immediate community and wider environment. I will however provide some information below which supports our objection to the TPO which I hope Harrogate Borough Council can consider when deciding whether to confirm the order. In anticipation thank you for your time in considering the following information. If any interested party would like to meet on site or discuss further, then please contact me on the details below.

Regards

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I agree that the trees within the group have collective amenity value and add to the character of the area. But also feel some management would not detract from the amenity value or perpetuity of the wooded group as a whole.

Ash Dieback – While we ideally need to view the Ash trees in the summer months to ascertain the severity of impact/ infection (unless quite severe) it is likely that the Ash will need to be removed in the short/ medium term. I have counted approximately 18 tree stems (or immediate multi-stemmed same aged stems forming a single aerodynamic tree) within the whole group, of those only three are Ash, or 16% of the total stems, the remaining being Sycamore (which does not suffer from Ash dieback). The Ash present are mainly of poor structural form, weight biased to the highway and suppressed by adjacent, more mature and better formed Sycamores (proposed for retention in the S211 notice). Even if these Ash trees are removed as well as the trees proposed for removal a linear group with collective amenity value and perpetuity of tree cover would still be retained.

I shall deal with the objection to each tree/ group individually below.

Tree No. 1 and No. 2 at S211 Notification, then becoming T1 and T2 of the above TPO.

Please note, I think these are plotted inaccurately on the TPO plan, they need moving further to the SW.

Both trees are Sycamore. The S211 notification to fell appears reasonable management of the group as a whole. These trees have genetic potential to be significant in size (likely 15-18m at this location, looking at adjacent mature Sycamore field trees) if retained. They are weight bias away from the group growing towards the applicants dwelling, car parking and amenity areas and will soon outgrow their location, trees unlikely to form structurally sound trees in the future. Good formed, upright Sycamores with higher canopies are proposed for retention behind T1 and T2 so the edge of the group and amenity provided will not be altered in any great way. The stems of both trees are approximately 60cm from the applicant's boundary wall. Table A1 of BS5837 indicates trees which will mature to have stems between 300mm and 600mm (e.g. Sycamore) should be a minimum of 1m from masonry boundary walls to prevent damage. While this wall appears partially masonry, partial dry stone T1 and T2 have the potential to damage this wall (which acts as a current boundary).

As such we object to the TPO as this prevents reasonable management of trees TPO trees T1 and T2.

Some photographs labelled below highlight the current situation.

T1 and T2 labelled yellow showing their weight bias form. Trees unlikely to form structurally sound trees in the future



T1 and T2 labelled yellow, better formed trees to rear labelled in blue that have longevity in form and distance from walls



T1 and T2 labelled yellow showing their proximity to wall



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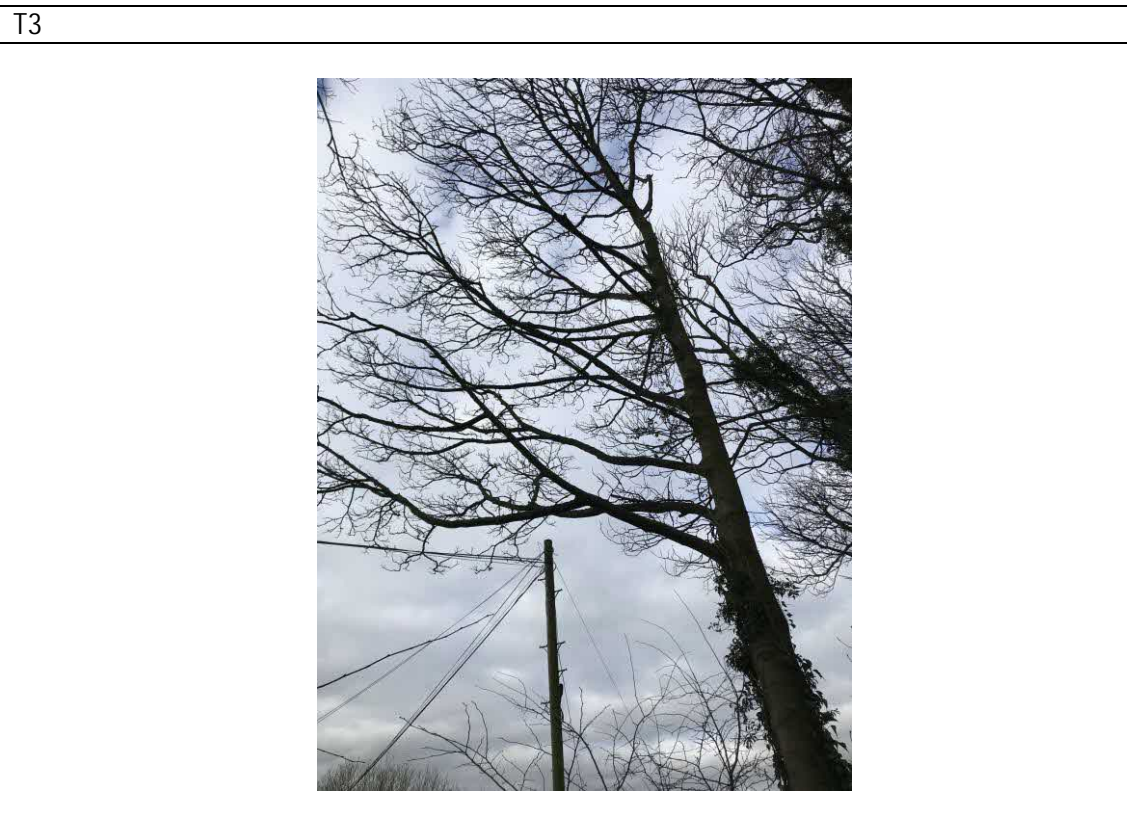


Tree No. 3 at S211 Notification, then becoming T3 of the above TPO.

This tree is a Sycamore. The S211 notification to fell appears reasonable management. This tree has genetic potential to be significant in size (likely 15-18m at this location, looking at adjacent mature Sycamore field trees) if retained. It is weight bias away from the group growing towards the highway, gardens and infrastructure. Good formed, upright Sycamores with higher canopies are proposed for retention behind T3 so the edge of the group, its depth and amenity provided will not be altered in any great way if this tree is removed.

As such we object to the TPO as this prevents reasonable management of TPO tree T3

A photograph below highlights the current situation.



Tree No. 5 at S211 Notification, then becoming T4 of the above TPO.

This tree is a Sycamore. The S211 notification to fell appears reasonable management. This tree has genetic potential to be significant in size (likely 15-18m at this location, looking at adjacent mature Sycamore field trees) if retained. It is weight bias away from the group growing towards a dwelling, highway, and infrastructure. Good formed, upright Sycamores with higher canopies are proposed for retention either side and behind T4 so the edge of the group, its depth and amenity provided will not be altered in any great way if this tree is removed.

This tree is ivy clad which has prevented a full inspection, however there is a bark-to-bark union at its base between two leading stems which have a higher chance of failure than other types of branch union. As such this tree, if retained will need further cyclical inspection and cyclical pruning to manage this. This tree also has potential to require cyclical pruning away from infrastructure and adjacent dwelling roof lines. Adjacent better-quality trees have been proposed for retention and pruning so the amenity provide by the group as a whole will not be altered in any great way if this tree is removed.

As such we object to the TPO as this prevents reasonable management of TPO tree T4

Photographs below highlights the current situation.

Bark to bark union at base of tree	T4 labelled yellow showing their weight bias form. Tree unlikely to form structurally sound tree in the future
