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Tree Officer Stroud District Council Ebley Mill Ebley Wharf Stroud Glos GL5 4UB DELIVERED BY HAND TO: FRANCESCA IND

Dear Sir

NEW PRESERVATION ORDER TPO/0591 - 118 THRUPP LANE

We would like to submit our objection to the above order. The reasons for this objection are:

The main tree in question is a beech tree which is around 20m in height, with a spread of around 10m. In winds this tree can be seen to be visibly moving. Over recent years we have had letters from neighbours below asking for the tree to be reduced in height.

The properties below had a report and works carried out to this tree around a year ago as they were concerned that if this tree fell it would cause major damage to their properties and a risk to their lives. The height and spread of the tree was reduced and 2 cobra braces fitted and deadwood removed.

The report showed that there were areas of decay within this tree, which is of major concern to us.

What we were proposing was to get another inspection / report carried out. We want to ensure the tree is healthy and likely to withstand high winds/rain etc especially as the site is very sloping.

To help with this we would like to reduce both the height and spread of this tree without removing it completely, but would be led by a full report carried out by a specialist.

Part of the land to the rear of the property 118 Thrupp Lane, in which this tree is situated has had no remedial maintenance works done many years. The works that we have undertaken in this part of the garden are protect ours and neighbouring properties from falling tree/branches from dead and dying trees and to enhance wildlife and biodiversity.

The trees that we have already reduced/ removed were because one has moved considerably over recent years and was leaning towards an outbuilding and garden wall and likely in the near future to cause damage. Others trees were either dead or dying.

We feel that by putting a TPO on this tree it could be detrimental to the properties below as the height has been allowed to become excessive with little maintenance for the past 50 years.

