

Our Ref: 23/1486/TTPO  
Your Ref: Essex Gardens Tree

8 December 2023



Mr Russell Knight  
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Dear Mr Knight

**South Cambridgeshire District Council**  
**Application for Works to Trees Protected by a Tree Preservation Order**

Proposal: Felling of Lime Tree in the garden of Number 4 Essex Gardens (T1).

Fell due to proximity to property, and has outgrown its location. Tree location and size is now presenting a nuisance as discharge from the tree whilst in leaf is preventing any use or enjoyment of our entire garden from March to October. The issue is exacerbated in the case of No 4 as it has the largest tree and the shortest garden meaning the entire garden is shaded by the tree.

The original TPO (12/85/SG) was put in place to protect a Group of 6 Lime Trees situated on the rear boundaries of 4, 5, 6 & 7 Essex Gardens which were deemed an 'important amenity feature in the locality'. Two of the six protected trees, both in the gardens of No 7 (T5 & T6) have already been removed reducing the overall amenity value of the group. In addition the pollarding of this individual tree (for safety reasons) in 2017 has further diminished the amenity value this tree provides and its appearance is now no longer consistent with the 3 other remaining trees.

The weakened joint which made the previous pollarding necessary continues to capture water and there are signs of further decay in this joint from which there are three major limbs which overhang the public footpath and the property.

It could be possible to abate the nuisance the tree presents through :

- removal of several of the major limbs - this would cause extreme stress to the tree and would leave the resulting tree unbalanced
- full pollarding - this would remove any residual amenity value the tree represents

As a result we are seeking to remove the tree and replace it with a suitable alternative. Given the challenge of siting any replacement in the current location I would be happy for the local authority to choose a suitable location for the replacement to ensure the amenity value is maximised.

Site address: 4 Essex Gardens Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NH

I acknowledge receipt of your planning application on 4 December 2023 for works to trees to which a Tree Preservation Order applies.

Your application was registered as valid on 4 December 2023

Please ensure the details above are correct, especially the proposal (identification of tree(s) and description of works). The decision-making process relies on the information provided on, or with, the tree works application. If you do not believe the information above is correct or as specified or indicated in the application, please contact us as soon as possible.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has eight weeks from the date of notification to consider your proposal. If you do not hear from us within the eight week period (29 January 2024) you cannot undertake the works applied for until you have received a response from South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Your documents, plans and any comments received during the course of the consultation process will be available to view on our website at <http://plan.scambs.gov.uk>, please see our privacy notice below.

If you have any questions or concerns about your application, please contact the Trees Department [planning.trees@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:planning.trees@scambs.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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