

From Mark Gray MBE



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HDC Planning Department

29 January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**TREE PROTECTION ORDER HDC/567**

1. Thank you for your clarification questions, to which we have responded. In this letter I intend to address the issue of the two protected trees in the garden. Because of the apparent proximity of the protected trees to the intended remodelling of my house, Fair Oak, you have requested either a tree survey, or an arboricultural method/implications statement. However, I would request reconsideration on the basis that the trees are substantially distant from the location of any planned works, and the survey or statement would be totally nugatory, as both trees are sufficiently distant from the planned works so as not to be threatened by them in any way.

2. As you can see from the attached air photograph, the two trees are located:

(a) **TPO Order No HDC/567 – Tree T1.** Tree T1 is an English Oak (*quercus robur*) and is located 21.4m WSW of the western side of the house. This places it 31.5m from the nearest point of the planned works on the eastern side of the house. The tree is 19m high.

(b) **TPO Order No HDC/567 – Tree T2.** Tree T2 is a Scots Pine (*pinus sylvestris*) and is located 15.2m from the SW corner of the house. This places it 24.5m from the nearest point of the planned works on the eastern side of the house. The tree is 21m high.

3. The Association of British Insurers (ABI) publishes recommended safe distances for buildings to be distant from trees (although it is unclear whether this is to protect the trees, or the buildings). Either way, from its recommendations, the oak (T1) is more than the recommended 30m from the planned works and the pine (T2) more than the recommended 8m.

4. We look forward to your favourable consideration in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



Annex:

A. Air Photograph (Drone) showing location of protected trees relative to property and proposed remodelling location.



Tree T1  
English Oak  
Quercus Robur  
H = 19m

21.4m

31.5m

15.2m

24.5m

Tree T2  
Scots Pine  
Pinus Sylvestris  
H = 21m

Area of develop  
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