

From: I
Date: T1
To: Clai
Subject:

APPENDIX (6)



Dear Ms Felton,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the possible lifting of the TPO we worked hard to put into place on woodland and established trees behind number 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell. TPO 11 2017. Could you please let me know why there is a chance it could be lifted and what BDC propose to do to prevent it.

Sadly this land is not currently accessible to residents of the village as it is in private ownership, however it is visible from the various footpaths in the area and provides a beautiful boundary to our village adding greatly to its character.

As I am not a wildlife expert simply a villager who enjoys walking in this area, I cannot comment in detail on the endangered native species which use this land as habitat, nor on the nature of the trees within it. When the TPO was put into place there were many large trees to protect and even some ancient orchard. Everything that was not protected when the original TPO was put into place has mostly been cut down. The 100 year old hedge which screened the property from the road was one of the first things to go. Please help us to prevent the developers who now own this site from causing any further damage. Fortunately you were able to act quickly last time and prevent loss of some beautiful trees with the TPO. Thank you.

My main concerns are for the local wildlife and environment that we live in. My arguments may not all hold a great deal of expert knowledge nor real legal strength, but further investigation should prove that there are issues to allow your intervention to protect this woodland. Neighbours that live adjacent to the site have commented on the wildlife they have seen such as newts, roe deer, badgers and bats. I have been a resident of this village since 2000 and have personal experience of the wide range of birds we are lucky enough to see in our gardens in Blackwell. I am a member of the RSPB and have myself heard and/or seen little owls, tawny owls, nuthatches, tree creepers and finches and tits of various types. I have also seen roe deer and bats near my own home which probably originate from such woodland. With regard to bats in particular, I live in a cottage 50 yards from this site. Bats were regular visitors to our loft and when we had it converted we had to allow bat access following an inspection by the bat conservation trust, as it is likely that rare species of bats were also making use of our roof and those of neighbouring properties.

This woodland is very similar in size and has more established trees than an adjacent site (which is linked to this one in fact by a hedge) and already has protected status as woodland. There is no way you could believe that this site is agricultural scrubland! I have been informed by more knowledgeable people that this woodland incorporates trees from a very old orchard which should also be taken into consideration. This area also acts as a green corridor allowing wildlife to move around our local area.

On another environmental level, and perhaps a more immediate worry if lost, is the benefit that these trees provide in terms of counteracting the pollution and carbon from the nearby M42 motorway. We are all aware that climate change and carbon in particular are of special concern to authorities at the moment. These trees also provide a barrier to some of the noise pollution caused and are probably helpful

in slowing down water run off from the motorway in heavy rains. Rainfall and water run off from the motorway has threatened to flood the old cottages opposite the site on a few occasions. I have already suffered great anxiety on a few occasions after heavy rain when water has lapped at my doorstep and threatened to come into my living room... My next door neighbour was not so lucky at ~~the~~ and actually had water in the front room.

Our draft Neighbourhood Plan in section 3.0 vision and objectives states:

1. **We will protect the built, historical and natural environment ensuring that our green spaces and the Green Belt are protected.**

And

3. **We will promote nature conservation and protect areas of special environmental value.**

We need to respect the will of the people living in the village who have written and support our plan.

Our district plan states:

8.213 Landscape, which results from the interaction between the nature and culture of a place, directly affects our quality of life. In the past, landscapes of local importance were protected through rigid local designations, whilst the impact of developments outside of these areas was not normally considered. However, it is now recognised that all landscapes matter.

Section 8 of the BDP also refers to protecting wildlife and green corridors.

In legal terms I am aware that you have to consider the amenity these trees provide. To summarise, this can be argued in terms of the heritage and character of our village and the local area. Wildlife is also an amenity in my opinion and the many protected native species that are resident require your intervention. Protecting our village and the wider community from pollution, flooding and noise should also be considered as an amenity; we should be planting trees and protecting established ones to do our bit to fight climate change. It doesn't matter if this is only a small wood in the great scheme of things, every tree matters, we have little woodland in our lovely rural area, what we do have needs protection.

I love my village, I love living here. I want to keep and protect our beautiful environment and I urge you to intervene in protecting these trees.

Thank you for your assistance,

Gavin Boyes

From: Andrew Bucklitch
Sent: 04 August 2017 14:32
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: FW: Town & Country Act 1990 - B.D.C Tree Preservation Order (No.11) 2017 on land adjoining 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell

Andy Bucklitch
Tree Officer
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-----Original Message-----

From: Rasma Sultana
Sent: 04 August 2017 13:04
To: Andrew Bucklitch
Cc: Tracy Lovejoy
Subject: FW: Town & Country Act 1990 - B.D.C Tree Preservation Order (No.11) 2017 on land adjoining 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell

FYI

Last minute support sent in at 2:41am!!!!

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Sent: 04 August 2017 02:41
To: Rasma Sultana
Subject: Town & Country Act 1990 - B.D.C Tree Preservation Order (No.11) 2017 on land adjoining 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell

To whom it may concern,

I write as a paying council tax resident of Blackwell Village to give my full support to B.D.C & urge them to make the temporary TPO permanent on the above mentioned site & save a long & established woodland with Poplar, Silver Birch, Sycamore, Oak, Horse Chestnut, Cooper Beech, just a few of the many trees it is home to & the Wildlife residents, Bats, Badgers, Deer & Roe Deer, Gold Finches, Green & Spotted Wood Peckers, Wrens, Nuthatchers & Bullfinches that live there from further disruption & also the Orchard with Pear & Apple trees & pond with newts that have also been seen in my neighbours garden & safe guard & protect for future generation's to come by keeping it as Green Belt land & having the Woodland removed from the local SHLAA & re-listed correctly as Woodland, which it has been. For the last 20 year's I have lived in the village & many more year's before that & like it's sister Site in Tanglewood Close, that to was saved & which I'm very proud to say, I was part of that campaign

Where this Site is located the road is very narrow & continues on to a very sharp bend (blind spot), where there have been some bumps, some near misses, cats, dogs either killed or injured, daily problems for local residents with off road parking, buses, school buses, delivery vans at peak times, traffic mounting the pavement to get past one

another. This part of the village already struggles at the present time to try & cope with the every day traffic because access is extremely limited so if ever planning permission was granted for any development, I can not see how it would be able to take any more traffic & because we already had a large development build about 30 year's ago of over 200 houses & any further development would be devastating & change the whole status of Blackwell Village for ever & it wouldn't be for the better.

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Gavin Boyes

From: Tree Enquiries
Sent: 02 August 2017 15:00
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: FW: TPO (11) 2017

Also logged to M3

Thanks
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Angela Akers
Support Services Officer – Environmental Services.

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From:
Sent: 02 August 2017 13:50
To: Tree Enquiries
Subject: TPO (11) 2017

FAO Clare Flanagan

Dear Clare,

Re TPO (11) 2017

 I understand that the above Order has been made on 04/07/2017 on a number of trees on land opposite my property - I live at Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell, B60.

This note is to endorse fully this Order and hope that, in the event of any appeals from the landowner or other parties, my views can be represented in support of the Order.

If there are any processes or consultations on this matter could you please let me know so that I may further represent my views.

Many thanks

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Gavin Boyes

From: Tree Enquiries
Sent: 07 August 2017 09:32
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: FW: TPO 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell

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Regards

Angela Akers
Support Services Officer – Environmental Services.

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From:
Sent: 04 August 2017 11:15
To: Tree Enquiries
Subject: TPO 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell

we are writing to put our comments in about development of the above property :

We live next to the field in question and are really upset that we could be losing valuable woodland. We see foxes, badgers, roe deer daily.
Birds of prey are seen regularly and we feel if the trees are gone most of the wildlife would be lost.
We are also concerned about motorway pollution and noise, as the trees act as a buffer.
We are really upset that the council could consider this decision as we thought preservation of woodland and wildlife is important for our future and our children's future.

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Gavin Boyes

From: Andrew Bucklitch
Sent: 27 July 2017 11:31
To: Gavin Boyes; Rasma Sultana
Subject: FW: Tree Preservation Order 11 2017

I am writing to support TPO (11) 2017, which was made on 4th July by Clare Flanagan, to preserve a number of named trees on land at 73, Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell B60 1BS. Please forward this email to whoever it may concern.

Freefield Investments, the owners of the land, had begun to fell some of the trees on this land before a blanket TPO was made successfully to permanently protect the whole area. An appeal by the landowner, appropriately called Mr Fell, was successful but this new order gives me some hope that at least some of the land will be saved from bricks and mortar.

Small scale housing development in Blackwell, a small settlement, is likely and the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which is nearing completion, acknowledges that this can benefit the village but this is not the place for a development of more than 10 to 20 new dwellings if the rural character of Blackwell is to be retained. Such a small development with the retained trees would be a very attractive place to live but a larger estate devoid of woodland and orchard would be suburban and soulless. The SHLAA target of 40+ dwellings would put at least 80 more cars on Linthurst Newtown, a narrow winding road with two difficult bends where accidents do happen. The road opposite the land is virtually a car park narrowing the road even further.

The small orchard on the right of the site is particularly valuable as is the woodland of native trees to the rear of the land. Both provide wild life habitats and surely help to mitigate the air pollution from the nearby M42. The woodland is visible from a public footpath, which links Linthurst Newtown to Linthurst Road and is well used. I know that residents of Linthurst Newtown have sent photographs of the site to support the previous TPO and I hope they will be taken into consideration to support this new order.

There are other sites in Blackwell without woodland or orchard which, in my opinion, would be much more suitable for housing development so please let's protect the trees on Linthurst Newtown and look elsewhere for housing.

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Gavin Boyes

From: Andrew Bucklitch
Sent: 04 August 2017 14:33
To: Gavin Boyes; Rasma Sultana
Subject: FW: Tree protection order no 13 2016 - 73 Linthurst Newtown

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From
Sent: 04 August 2017 11:48
To: Andrew Bucklitch
Subject: Tree protection order no 13 2016 - 73 Linthurst Newtown

To whom it may concern,

I would like to raise my concerns regarding the proposed clearing off the wooded area detailed in the tree preservation order at the rear of 73 Linthurst Newtown.

I'm concerned that the noise from the M42 would be increased where at present this wooded area provides a sound screen to absorb the noise and as traffic increases so will the noise which will then be amplified if this wooded area has been lost.

Another issue that may also arise if these trees are removed is that the wildlife that dwells in this area will be displaced if not killed off, this will be a terrible loss to the village.

There is also potential for localised flooding as the heavy rainfall could then run from the inclined area running straight off the land should the trees be removed as is often the case from the field at the end of Blackwell Road. This would have an impact on the cottages & houses facing no 73 Linthurst Newton.

I therefore think it is imperative that these well established trees are persevered to provide a unique habitat, sound screen & drainage system to both enhance and protect the village.

Yours Sincerely

Gavin Boyes

From:
Sent: 04 August 2017 13:34
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: Fwd: REFERENCE TPO (No 11) 2017 - LAND SURROUNDING 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN

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From: Antony Col [REDACTED]
Date: Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 1:17 PM
Subject: REFERENCE TPO (No 11) 2017 - LAND SURROUNDING 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN
To: r.sultana@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk, andrew.bucklitch@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk, [REDACTED]

4th August 2017

REFERENCE TPO (No 11) 2017 - LAND SURROUNDING 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN

To whom it may concern,

I write to support keeping and making permanent the above TPO and feel that any removal of this site from Green Belt protection, leading to possible planning permission being considered for housing development would be disastrous for this quiet little village. This forms a 'perceived threat to these trees', whilst I would argue the sites presence on the local SHLAA would constitute a 'foreseeable threat to these trees'

The land is currently listed on SHLAA as Agricultural Scrubland, and currently has a temporary Tree Protection Order served on it. This was imposed after I alerted the Council to the rapid clearing of the land by the owner, using mini diggers and dump trucks. I thank the council for placing the temporary TPO so speedily and sincerely request that it is made permanent

I have lived in this area for 13 years, and this land has always been undisturbed woodland. It is NOT scrubland, as listed on the SHLAA. It links with a site at the head of Tanglewood Close via hedgerow, providing a wildlife corridor between the two. It is pretty much identical to the land in Tanglewood Close, which was re-classified as woodland and saved from development a few years ago.

The site is full of trees, many are large mature specimens, others are young and ensuring continuity of the woodland.

There are ;

Several Oaks – which look roughly 100 years old (200-300 year retention span)

Copper beech's (150-200 year retention span)

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Horse chestnut's (100-150 year retention span)

to name but a few. The individual specimens are impressive due to their size and good condition, however their true value is as an entirety. There is an unbroken line of trees that form this woodland, visible from the village at several points, due to their position and also their great size. These provide pleasure to the villagers, and are an important part of the characteristic of the entire village. If it were removed a part of what makes Blackwell special would be lost. All trees are visible from the public footpath and from various angles on Linthurst Newtown, they form part of the very first view as you enter the village over the railway bridge when coming from Barnt Green.

The trees effectively make a boundary to the village towards the North-East.

There is also evidence of the old orchard at the top end.

The wooded area forms a continuous boundary with the oak trees that link to the woodland area around Tanglewood (i.e. a wildlife corridor). As such shouldn't the same criteria that saved Tanglewood also apply to the site I am writing about too?

This TPO is full of wildlife, including Badgers, Deer(including Roe) and Bats coming out of it. It is filled with nesting birds – Green and Spotted Woodpeckers often come into my garden from there, also Nuthatches, Goldfinches, Wrens and Bullfinches are seen coming from there. There is a large pond within the TPO, which really needs a biodiversity study as it will almost certainly be full of wildlife, there are reports of newts spreading from there into neighbouring gardens (reported from number 75 LinthurstNewtown).

The trees also serve the purpose of masking noise from the M42 motorway, which I believe is already way over the acceptable level and is often a major problem at this end of the village. If this road noise increases it will detract from the quality of life within the village by persons living there, yet another detrimental effect of losing the woodland.

This site is totally unsuitable for development due to access and traffic problems, sitting as it does in a very narrow section of the road, already a hazard for parking, school buses, delivery vehicles etc. There is no potential to widen the road here and there have been a number of accidents and near misses on the bend closest to the site. More houses will mean more traffic, affecting the oldest properties built closest to the road very badly. Yet more development would ruin the whole feel of the village, which is small and friendly. Locals have all paid a premium for this major selling point of the village, which development would decimate. Around 30 years ago the village was developed and almost doubled in size whilst other neighbouring villages have evaded development, when assessing the need to convert green belt to building land, a TPO may help Blackwell avoid further erosion, surely it's time for other villages to shoulder the burden of meeting housing requirements.

As a brief additional point, the council would need to consider the risk of flooding, as the village has already suffered badly in recent years from water running down from the land in that direction, and altering the land on this scale may well have catastrophic consequences on future flooding issues!

To conclude, I would like to thank the Council for the temporary protection offered to the site by the imposition of the TPO. I would strongly urge you to make the TPO permanent, and in view of concerns relating to Badger setts, Bats and Newts would also expect the council to do everything within its power to halt the further destruction of wildlife habitat by way of a Biodiversity-study. Regardless of the current listed status, this is not a worthless piece of agricultural scrubland, but a much-valued woodland, and should be re-classified

as such. It is a great environmental asset to the village, as demonstrated by the levels of emotion and upset as have already been expressed by a great many villagers at the initial actions by the current landowners.

It has clearly taken well over a hundred years for the woodland to grow and establish and it obviously has a great retention span ahead of it, please help us to stop external forces coming and bulldozing overnight the very thing that marks out this local popular beauty spot, the woodland makes this corner of Bromsgrove special, its destruction would be a travesty.

The above represents the formal side of our support for retention of the TPO....

There are many other more specific and personal reasons which in our view should be taken into consideration. These are listed below in no particular order;

1>The TPO is linked moving forwards to housing development and highways issues. We live in a house which dates back to approximately 1800. We have lived here since December 1992 and have put our hearts and souls into renovating a piece of local history. We are led to believe at one point the house was a public house for the navvies building the railway/lickey incline. We have very limited off road parking, due to double-yellow lines. Our fear is that once any large scale development was built Linthurst Newtown would become a double-yellow lined race track, ruining the character of what is a beautiful village and ruining our and our friends enjoyment of our house and neighbourhood. It is bad enough already.

2>We purchased our house from a lady who had lived here since 1939. She is no longer with us but spoke passionately about the changes in water drain off caused by the building of the M42 motorway. Our road has flooded badly 2 or 3 times since 1992 (I have pictures), removal of the trees covered by the TPO and the pond which is an integral feature of the wooded TPO area would create awful flooding issues for the road/village. I wonder what the drive would be for developers to build/maintain a flood culverts as per the new development in Norton on the Old Birmingham Road in Bromsgrove. My fear is no drive at all....very much cram as many properties in as possible and move on. If the trees and pond are removed and development occurs, flooding will become a major issue.

3>The wooded area support an astonishing amount of wildlife. We feed 25 plus types of birds, sparrows, bullfinches, gold finches, wrens, thrushes, dunnock, blackbirds, robins, blue tits, long-tailed tits, great tits, starlings, collared doves, wood pigeon, magpies, sparrow hawks, buzzards, woodpeckers etc etc. Yesterday I witnessed a sparrow hawk feasting on a dove in my back garden. The area also supports innumerable mammals.....foxes, badger, muntjac and roe deer and hedgehogs...to name just a few

4>The trees provide noise insulation from the M42. If you need to check this out. Listen to the difference in noise along the Blackwell Road....first from the Blackwell side and then from the Barnt Green side.

5>Over the last few weeks there have been periods of time where ground clearance and associated fires have been on-going almost 24/7. Far from supporting habitat for wildlife, the wood and scrub cleared has simply been burnt, with no consideration or thought for households in the vicinity of the TPO or support for the TPO/local wildlife. I consider this behaviour to be a good indication of intent and desire to work with local people from the landowner and /or his/her agents

6>I very much hope the Council is able to support maintenance of the local character and natural assets of this lovely area and is bold enough to see that England is a big place. Fly in a plane to Birmingham from Europe and it can only convince planning authorities that there is no need to panic and in fill every small green space. We are not short of land for housing. We are short of desire and common sense to implement a more sensible management of what we do have.

Yours sincerely and hopefully,

Gavin Boyes



From:
Sent: 04 August 2017 22:06
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: Fwd: TPO 73 Linthurst Newtown

To: Gavin.Boyes <Gavin.Boyes@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk>
Sent: Fri, 4 Aug 2017 22:04
Subject: TPO 73 Linthurst Newtown

Dear Mr Boyes.

I understand that a new TPO is under consideration for the trees on land around property 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell, I would like to register my support for the TPO as I feel that the loss of the trees on this land namely Ash, Oak, Silver Birch, Sycamore, Yew, Horse Chestnut, Spruce, Lawson Cypress, Beech to name but a few together with and old orchard would be a considerable loss to the area and to the various animals, birds and wild life.

Kind Regards

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Gavin Boyes

To:

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Yours sincerely



Sent from my iPad

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Gavin Boyes

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RE: TPO (No 11) 2017 - 73 Linthurst Newtown

Dear
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to confirm we have received your email in support of this TPO and will take it into consideration
of this order

I
Sent: 27 July 2017 10:17
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: TPO (No 11) 2017 - 73 Linthurst Newtown

I am writing this email in support of the TPO at 73 Linthurst Newtown.

The removal of this woodland area behind number 73 will have a detrimental impact on biodiversity in the area and to nature conservation. There is a rich variety of trees in this woodland all of which will support an eco-system where wildlife can thrive. This woodland also contributes to the area's landscape and enjoyment of Blackwell residents.

All trees are visible from the public footpath and from various angles on Linthurst Newtown including the very first view as you enter the village over the railway bridge.

Gavin Boyes



To:

Subject:

RE: TPO (no 11) 2017

Dear thank you for getting in touch regarding this matter. We have raised a new TPO on the site and it is our intension at this point to take this order forward to make it permanent. I will of course take your comments in to account as we give this matter further consideration.

Best Regards
Gavin Boyes
Senior Tree Officer
Bromsg

From: (

Sent: 01 August 2017 21:41

To: Gavin Boyes

Subject: TPO (no 11) 2017

Dear Mr Boyes.

I am writing to ask you to preserve the TPO at 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell. For her 11th birthday this year, we bought our daughter an outdoor wildlife camera. We have been to different locations within 1 mile of our house in Blackwell and so far have pictures of Fox, Badger, Deer, rabbits, squirrel, and a mouse. I fear that the destruction of yet more wildlife habitat will drive these animals away.

I would also suggest that the inevitable building of more houses should the TPO be withdrawn, would be a very bad thing for Blackwell, causing even more chaos on Greenhill every morning and evening. I realise that in Blackwell we are lucky to have some areas that are naturally beautiful. Please don't allow them to be spoilt.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Boyes

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Senior Tree Officer
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I would like to lodge my support for the TPO at 73 Linthurst Newtown. I want to protect the trees, the wildlife and deter large scale building work that is not appropriate for this setting.

Many thanks

Gavin Boyes

From:
Sent: 03 August 2017 20:29
To: Gavin Boyes
Re: TPO No 11 2017. Land surrounding 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell, B60 1BS

Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire,
B60 1BS

3rd August 2017

RE: Site of Tree Protection Order (TPO No 11 2017) and land surrounding 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell, B60 1BS

Dear Mr G. Boyles,

I am writing in support of the above TPO (No11) 2017.

The area this TPO stands on is a beautiful wildlife reservewhich gives a clear boundary to the village and allows our wildlife to travel undisturbed around us.

I understand from the TPO that they are a great variety of tress on this land, many of which are national treasures. The area is teeming with wildlife and it gives such a delightful backdrop to our village.

Since the previous TPO was quashed the land owners have been constantly burning and cutting down trees. I can now see properties that I have never seen before, and more alarming is the increased noise level from the motorway which the trees and bushes used to serve as a barrier from. The woodland area aids with noise pollution reduction from the nearby M42 and the trees further aid to the cleansing of the air from this heavily trafficked motorway.

This area also serves to act as a flood barrier, my previous property at 122 Linthurst Newtown was flooded, as were many properties along this road. To reduce the number of trees and hedges will only serve to make flooding more likely again in the future.

The area is highly visible from a number of areas of Blackwell, namely on your immediately access to the village from the Barnt Green end, over the railway bridge, from looking over the road to number 73 and from the public footpath to the side of the area. This has a clear visual impact on arriving to the village, adding to its appeal.

To conclude, I would strongly urge that the revised TPO be made permanent, to enable this in the preservation of a highly valued environmentally rich and diverse area.

My family and I and the surrounding community would really appreciate your serious consideration of the above.

Yours sincerely

Sent from my iPad

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Gavin Boyes

To:

Subject:

RE: TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 11/2017 LINTHURST NEWTOWN BLACKWELL

Dear Mr [redacted], thank you for letting know your views in relation to the land adjoining 73 Linthurst Newtown and I assure you we will take them into consideration in any future matters regarding this site. To hopefully reassure you at further at this point although we did agree to dissolve the original order raised we have raise a replacement order covering trees on the site.

Best Regards

Gavin Boyes

Senior Tree Officer

Broms

From

Sent: 27 July 2017 17:55

To: Gavin Boyes

Subject: TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 11/2017 LINTHURST NEWTOWN BLACKWELL

I am writing to say how appalled and horrified I am to learn that the Tree Preservation Order issued last year in respect of trees on land adjoining 73 Linthurst Newtown has been appealed successfully. I am strongly opposed to the cutting down of these trees for a number of reasons, *inter-alia*, the damage to wildlife that would without doubt occur and the threat to drainage. The trees also provide an invaluable source of sound insulation from the M42 apart from enhancing air quality which I consider to be of the utmost importance.

In the event of permission being granted for the trees to be cleared, I contend that this would pave the way for any developers to build. Linthurst Newtown is already a busy and potentially dangerous highway and I would submit would be incapable of dealing with any increased volumes of traffic that would inevitably follow. Furthermore, the local infrastructure, schools, doctors and other medical services are already operating at near maximum capacity and would be incapable of absorbing more residents.

For all of the above reasons I sincerely hope that the trees are allowed to remain and that no further development will be approved.

Gavin Boyes

To:

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RE: TREE PROTECTION REAR OF 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN

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Best Regards
Gavin Boyes
Senior Tree Officer
Bromsgrove & Redditch Councils

From:

Sent: 28 July 2017 15:24

[redacted]

To: Gavin Boyes

Subject: Fw: TREE PROTECTION REAR OF 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN

Original

From: [redacted]

Date: 24/07/2017 15:02

To: <rasmasultana@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk>

Subj: Fw: TREE PROTECTION REAR OF 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN

Hi i am resubmitting my objection to the proposed tree felling at 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell my circumstances have'nt changed so my objection is still relevant

To: <rasmasultana@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk>

Subj: TREE PROTECTION REAR OF 73 LINTHURST NEWTOWN

Objection for the felling of trees/clearing of land 73 Linthurst Newtown

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in connection with the proposal of felling of trees and clearing of the woodland and ancient orchard at the rear of 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell.

My property sides on to the woodland and it makes up 100% of my vista. The woodland and orchard are the boundary for Blackwell and not only look beautiful but also play an important role in many other ways.

The tree formation act as a sound barrier for the M42 and railway, they form part of the village surrounds and they protect the village by reducing the noise from the motorway and from the pollution that the motorway causes.

The trees and woodland area link to surrounding fields which are homes to wildlife and link to woods at the rear of Tanglewood Close where a previous application was submitted for the felling trees and clearance of woodland and the application was previously refused.

The wildlife which are housed by the woodlands include Roe Deer, Woodpeckers (both green and lesser spotted), Badgers, Rabbits, and various other bird species. Bats also appear regularly in the locality although we are unsure as to whether they are housed here. There are a range of trees which we feel should be protected for the future of countryside and green areas and not felled.

The importance of the countryside has a high amenity value to residents whom enjoy walking the footpaths and the green areas and feel the trees and woodland form a huge part in what makes Blackwell a village.

We feel, as residents, that the preservation order should be made permanent, not only for the reasons above but to protect our countryside and green areas for the villagers and outside villagers to enjoy countryside walking and scenery.

Please consider this protection order as a matter of concern to conserve our future environment.

P.S I will be forwarding photographs of families of Roe Deer that have been taken from my premises and they live in the fields which developers are proposing to clear. How can we make such wildlife homeless!!

Gavin Boyes

From:
Sent: 03 August 20. 19:33
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: TPO (No11) 2017

Dear Gavin

I am writing to you to register my support for the tree preservation order currently in place on the 4 acres of land surrounding 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell.

My support for this are in line with the majority of the villagers and feel that losing this crucial field and woodland would have a significant impact upon the village.

The M42 runs behind this land and the trees provide valuable protection from both noise and pollution. This area resides at the base of the Lickey hills, and during heavy rain the run off from the hills is directed towards the village. Several cottages in front of this land have flooded in the past from this water run-off, felling any trees in this woodland will exacerbate this problem not only causing flooding of the houses but also causing a potential flood risk to the railway that runs at the bottom of the gardens of Linthurst Newtown (that is currently being electrified).

Upon entering the village over the railway bridge, one of the most striking features of the village is the surrounding field and woodland, that was among the key features that had Linthurst Newtown voted the most favoured place to live in 2015.

In addition to the aesthetic aspect of the woodland and field in question we know that it is home to a vast array of animal species. I live directly opposite the field and frequently see Roe deer grazing. The loss of this wood would have a serious negative impact on these animals- this is a key corridor for these animals which are isolated by the M42 motorway and the railway at either end of their habitat. Additionally loss of this woodland would affect a very old orchard that makes up one of the key public footpaths of the area, enjoyed by walkers and likely providing a key habitat for many animals.

Along the front edge of the land adjoining Linthurst Newtown is a very old oak tree that makes up a row of trees for birds and other wildlife as protection from the road and adds value to Blackwell's village plan of maintaining roadside trees and hedgerows.

I sincerely hope that all of this is taken into consideration when the decision is made over the permanent nature of the tree preservation order and the future of this site as a preserved area of greenbelt.

Kind regards

Gavin Boyes

From:
Sent: 03 August 2017 23:19
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: TPO 11 2017 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell

Dear Gavin

I am writing in support of the tree preservation order currently in place that covers trees on the land surrounding 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell (TPO 11 2017).

Many of my thoughts and observations are undoubtedly the same as those you have already received, but perhaps I can bring some additional insight into what I believe is a strong case for the protection of all or many of the trees on this land.

As I understand from the guidance notes concerning tree protection, an important consideration is the character that trees impart to an environment and the way that they influence the overall appearance. There are many mature trees of several species and collectively these can be seen from several key viewpoints, perhaps most importantly approaching the village from Barnt Green crossing the railway bridge, and as a backdrop along a significant length of Linthurst Newtown. Trees on the northern part of the land are also a major part of the view of the village from the public footpath that can be accessed from Tanglewood Close, and form a continuum with a large wooded area (mainly oaks) that surrounds the top end of Tanglewood Close.

The northern aspect of the woodland effectively represents a boundary to the village, and standing in the field adjacent to the public footpath it is quite clear that the combined wooded area serves as an effective barrier to the sound of traffic, which at that point rolls down the hill from the M42. Moreover, from an ecological perspective, and in addition to the many species that live within the wooded area, it can be seen that the woodland creates a very necessary wildlife corridor between the M42 and the railway line, linking rural areas around Barnt Green to Linthurst and beyond. One species in particular that is known to rely on such corridors is the Roe Deer, many of which I have sighted on or coming from the land in question.

I hope that my comments are of some use and look forward to hearing the outcome of your deliberations on this matter.

Kind regards

Gavin Boyes

From:
Sent: 03 August 2017 21:51
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: TPO 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell

Dear Mr. Boyes,

I write with regards to Tree Protection Order at land at 73 Linthurst Newtown, Blackwell, Bromsgrove.

The protection of trees on this site will bring a high degree of public benefit:

1. 1. From a 'visibility' point of view, trees at the site are of **public benefit** to residents; not only to those living immediately next to the site, but surrounding areas also. Trees at the site can be seen and enjoyed from Linthurst Newton, Badger Way, Foxes Close and The Glen, as well as the top end of Tanglewood Close. Circa 60 properties benefit from these trees in addition to users the public footpath to the rear of Tanglewood Close which forms part of a wider network of public footpaths.
2. The removal of trees at this site would completely change the character of Linthurst Newtown, Badger Way, neighbouring Foxes Close and the aforementioned footpath. The mature and well-established trees provide a visual backdrop to Badger Way and Foxes Close and are directly in the line of sight when walking down Foxes Close; (they are visible in the extensive gap at the end of the road between numbers 15 and 20).
3. Further to the visibility factor, trees at the site also have a collective wider impact to the local community. They contribute to the character of the local area. Blackwell is a rural village with other trees and forested areas having tree preservation orders placed upon them. If a preservation order was not placed on trees at the above site, this site could become not in keeping with its surrounding landscape.
3. 4. The site is of a size that is significant – circa 4 acres. Given the size of the site, the trees upon it provide wildlife with valuable habitats.
4. 5. Some of the trees at this site are of substantial maturity. If a preservation order was not placed upon trees at this site, trees that could be assessed to be noteworthy in terms of their age could be felled.

Many thanks for considering the submission.

Yours faithfully,

Gavin Boyes

From: [>
Sent: 04 August 2017 10:54
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: TPO by 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell, Bromsgrove

we are writing to put our comments in about development of the above property:

we live next to the field in question and are really upset that we could be losing valuable woodland, we see foxes, badgers, roe deer daily.

Birds of prey are seen regularly and we feel if the trees are gone most of this wildlife would be lost.

We are also concerned about motorway pollution and noise, as the trees act as a buffer.

We are really upset that the council could consider this decision as we thought preservation of woodland and wildlife is important for our future and our children's future.

Linthurst Newtown
Blackwell
Worcestershire
B60 1BS
27/7/2017

REFERENCE TPO (No 11) 2017 - LAND SURROUNDING 73 LINTHURST
NEWTOWN

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my concerns regarding the ongoing clearing of land and trees around 73 Linthurst Newtown in preparation for a development. Thank you for supporting us with our original TPO and I ask you to continue to represent our community.

I understand the land remains greenbelt and listed as SHLAA and scrubland. I have lived alongside this piece of land for 19 years and can say it is not scrubland but a well-developed mature woodland which is very visible to many of the residents especially as you enter the village. It is a village and the trees are an integral part of our village.

I understand the initial TPO has been overturned and a temporary TPO has been awarded. Has this notification been displayed locally as it would be very important for the residents in our village to have access to the revised document to determine which trees have been earmarked in order to continue monitoring the situation?

At present aggressive clearing is in progress within the woodland area which I feel needs to be monitored. Large bonfires have been burning and I feel this has been going unchecked.

My concerns to date are:

1. The progressive burning and clearing of this land when it remains greenbelt
2. I am also concerned that felling these trees will alter the drainage characteristics of the land as we have been exposed to flooding in the past. I would be concerned how a development would have added impact.
3. The woodland supports a variety of wildlife which I have witnessed and photographed over the years. The list includes badgers, roe deer, muntjac, foxes, owls, pipistrelle bats (which nest in the apex of my house every year facing the land), newts and hedgehogs and a variety of birds nesting in the woodland including a rookery. There is a large pond situated on the land within the TPO, which really needs a biodiversity study. Prior to the sale of the land I have seen newts in this pond. I am concerned that these areas are being 'cleansed of wildlife' as I have witnessed a fox being chased off the land by a man wielding a large stick.
4. Noise pollution is another concern with the proximity of the M42 and the impact of removing trees and building houses.
5. I wonder how the site will be accessed given that it leads off a very narrow road with sharp bends and has been the site of accidents in the past

So in conclusion my concerns for the environment by removing the trees and developing the land include:

i) A visible well established woodland, ii) flooding , iii) wildlife habitat, iv) noise shielding (v) access

Thank you so much for your support and I ask you lodge my concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Gavin Boyes

To:

Subject:

RE: TPO (no 11) 2017

Dear [redacted] thank you for letting know your views in relation to the land adjoining 73 Linthurst Newtown and I assure you we will take them into consideration in any future matters regarding this site.

Best Regards
Gavin Boyes
Senior Tree Officer
Bromsgrove & Redditch Councils

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 July 2017 22:01
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: TPO (no 11) 2017

Dear Mr Boyes,
Whereas we appreciate that more houses need building we are of the view that houses should not be build on the land at 73 Linthurst Newtown in Blackwell. This plot is situated very close to a dreadful bend in the road for starters which will only add to problems on that narrow stretch of the road, The houses would add to the ever increasing traffic going through Blackwell, Burcot and Barnt Green. It will put strain on the local school and of course total disruption to trees and wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

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Gavin Boyes

From:
Sent: 04 August 2017 15:54
To: Gavin Boyes
Subject: Clearing work at 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell

Dear Sir

We would like to add our concern regarding the clearing work around 73 Linthurst Newtown Blackwell.

We live opposite, on the bend, and have some real concerns re traffic:-

- Many people take the corner way too fast and we hear several near misses every day not to mention the actual crashes.
- People take the bend whilst on their mobile phones, again causing near misses.
- People often park on the bend or outside the cottages (due to a absence of parking spaces in the front gardens) so the road is even further restricted.
- I know the number of cars was monitored (a guage in the road) but that does not show how dangerous that corner is.
- Line of sight is bad, depending on where the entrance to the potential new development may be, an increase of the cars belonging to
- 45 houses (amount detailed in Shlaa) entering and exiting will only make this problem much worse.
- The road is way too narrow and obscured for mass entrance/exit.

We have had to call Bromsgrove council at least 10 times re flooding on the bend, our own house was flooded twice. We have had to have ground works undertaken to compensate. Should there be the concrete/bricks etc relating to 45 houses, this will increase.

The trees bordering the property are shielding us all from the noise from the M42 as well as keep the character of the rural village.

We used to see deer/rabbits/pheasants in the grounds weekly and lately have not seen any wildlife.

This work is being undertaken by a developer with a history of such projects purely for profit and does not consider the welfare of Blackwell or its residents. As a representative voted in by the community that will remain, I hope you share this concern.

Many thanks