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Your Reference: TB/TPO (6) 2019

Dear Sir,

**Tree Protection Order – Milton Drive, Hagley**

I wish to write in strong objection to the recent tree protection order which you have placed on the old diseased tree which sits perilously close to my home.

I attach a report which my neighbour at no.2 and I have commissioned on the condition and the aspect of the tree. You will see in that report that the tree is severely diseased, it is too close to the 3 houses that surround it and it represents a danger to those three properties.

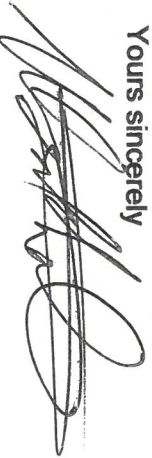
The TPO was placed on the tree according to the letter you have sent me on the grounds of providing "visual amenity". This is quite ridiculous, because the tree can only be seen in full from the three properties that surround it. Residents outside of Milton Drive can only see the top of the tree with difficulty.

We have endured problems with this tree for over 13-years, from when we moved in. Our downstairs toilet is unusable because the roots of the tree have got into the drains. The roots of the tree are causing damage to our relatively new block paved drive. It has caused considerable damage to the shared drive around the tree and this has already been resurfaced in the last 15 years. Additionally the roots will almost certainly be undermining our house's foundations. The tree is a hazard when any deliveries arrive, it restricts parking and makes manoeuvring our cars a very hazardous activity. I also have to live with clearing mess from our cars daily due to the debris and excrement that is dropped from the trees onto our vehicles.

I plead with you to lift this TPO. It provides no visual amenity to anyone but the three properties within Milton Drive. My neighbours at number 2 Milton Drive also wish the TPO to be lifted. The tree is old and diseased and near the end of its life. It is a danger to our three properties due to its proximity and condition. It provides no benefit to the wider community at all, as it can only be seen partially and with great difficulty by anyone outside of Milton Drive and it cannot be seen from the nearest public highways or footways.

I really hope that you see reason with my request and lift the order.

Yours sincerely



Martin Southall