Appendix (2)

OBJECTION TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (19) 2020

I provide the following background and protest at the unwarranted involvement of the local authority in a private business transaction:

- 1. This land was purchased in the early 90's since when it has been left completely undisturbed.
- 2. Recently I have been working on a plan to divide the land into parcels with the intention of selling them to the neighbours as a communal garden and garden extensions (as I did some years ago with an adjacent area).
- 3. The land is 'made ground', in the green belt, covered in trees with no access and with the only potential as gardens.
- 4. No. 37 and No. 38 would both benefit from garden extensions with the middle area of interest to other neighbours as a communal garden.
- 5. Negotiations with No. 37 were recently stalled as I was involved in an accident but are now suspended by No. 37 for their own personal reasons.
- 6. I understood that No. 38 were interested in a garden extension and that other neighbours were interested in the middle section.
- 7. I have been negotiating access rights over No. 37's front garden to enable the sale of the middle section of land to other neighbours.
- 8. The estate developer owns an access ransom strip but I reason they would not pursue neighbours going to a communal garden.

As such I object to the referenced TPO on the following grounds:

- 9. The TPO is unnecessary as the trees are not under threat.
- 10. The individual tree and group TPO are on an area of made ground which is unstable and not suited for such large trees in close proximity to the railway line.
- 11. The individual tree and group TPO are on an area which is unstable and in close proximity to houses which are put at risk of damage in the event the trees uproot.
- 12. I object to the woodland designation as it is an inappropriate designation for what is in effect garden land.

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