

# APPENDIX (3)

## Gavin Boyes - Arboricultural Team

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**From:** Penny Pech <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 05 April 2023 17:23  
**To:** Tree Enquiries  
**Cc:** Gavin Boyes - Arboricultural Team; ~~Wendy [REDACTED]~~  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tree Preservation Order (6) 2023: Trees on: land at 41 High House Drive, Lickey, Worcestershire B45 8ET

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Dear Tree Enquiries Team,

I have received an out-of-office from Gavin in response to the email below and so have forwarded accordingly, as per his instructions.

Please let me know if I need to forward/provide this commentary to any further addresses, either by email or letter.

Many thanks,

Penny

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**From:** Penny Pech <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 5, 2023 at 5:18 PM  
**Subject:** Tree Preservation Order (6) 2023: Trees on: land at 41 High House Drive, Lickey, Worcestershire B45 8ET  
**To:** Gavin Boyes - Arboricultural Team <[Gavin.Boyes@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:Gavin.Boyes@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** ~~Wendy [REDACTED]~~

Dear Gavin,

We are writing to express our appreciation for the recent decision by the Council to put a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on the horse chestnut (T1 on the TPO plan) and sycamore (T2) trees that stand near our property. As residents of this area, we have always admired the beauty of these

trees, particularly the magnificent horse chestnut, which we understand to be well over one hundred years old.

Both trees are iconic features of the natural landscape in our road - the sycamore providing a noteworthy member of an informal tree-lined avenue along the road (with various residents maintaining trees in their front gardens to give this look) and the horse chestnut providing a lovely natural and pronounced "punctuation mark" which can be seen from half way down the road if not further, and which confirms the countryside lies just beyond.

While there are no public footpaths with access at the end of High House Drive, we can confirm that the road is used by a large number of visitors (in addition to the residents), who walk, run and cycle it's length - some coming from the Monument Woodland (which is public open space and with access onto our road); others either simply using the road for amenity leisure purposes, or else accessing Lickey Hills Primary School from its pedestrian access point opposite the Monument Woodland entrance. Both trees would, without doubt, be appreciated by anyone using the road - they offer a green and natural landscape, with seasonal interest, towards the end of the run of properties.

As a family, living next to these trees, we particularly love the horse chestnut and would suggest that anyone who sees this magnificent tree would feel the same. Its seasonal cycle is really lovely - we look forward to its delicate pink and white blossoms in the spring, followed by the lush green foliage in the summer, after which the tree transforms into a vibrant palette of golden, orange, and red hues, creating a stunning display in the fall. It's a big tree! - and is (by all accounts) very old and has been there longer than the vast majority of houses on the road (we assume the farm at the end being the only exception).

We cannot help but question the need to remove either tree - neither appear to be causing any problems or difficulties to the landowner and the current use of this land, nor to the adjacent properties. It therefore feels totally unnecessary and unreasonable to consider removing them without just cause.

The fact that Bromsgrove Council has recognised the importance of preserving these trees for future generations is highly commendable and we are very grateful for the care and attention that you have given to ensuring their longevity. The TPO is a testament to your commitment to protecting our natural environment and preserving the beauty of our community.

In closing, we would like to express our thanks to you (and Bromsgrove District Council) for taking the necessary steps to protect both the horse chestnut and sycamore trees near our home. Your actions have brought comfort to ourselves and many others and we are proud to be a part of a community that values and cherishes its natural heritage.

Kind regards,

Penny and Dan Pech

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**From:** Tree Enquiries  
**Sent:** 05 April 2023 11:01  
**To:** Tarek Ball; Gavin Boyes - Arboricultural Team  
**Subject:** FW: TPO's High House Drive Lickey B45 8ET REF 219987

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**From:** STEPHEN MAY [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 April 2023 06:03  
**To:** Tree Enquiries <tree.enquiries@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** TPO's High House Drive Lickey B45 8ET REF 219987

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Dear Sir

I live at [REDACTED] High House Drive and my name is Stephen May.

I am abroad at the moment but have been informed by High House Drive Residents Association (HHDRA) that you have put a temporary TPO on 2 trees in the Drive.

No. on Map

T1

T2

No. on Map

No. on Map

No. on Map

Description

Horse Chestnut

First Schedule

Trees specified individually

(encircled in black on the map)

NGR

398856,

275165

Situation

In field adjacent to the Western side 41 High House Drive

Sycamore

398859,

275179

On boundary of High House

Drive to West of 41

These 2 trees are a recognisable feature of this end of the road; they add greenery and seasonality to the street; they are a punctuation mark for the end of the housing that's visible from the halfway point of the road. We have already over the past years (I have been there 30 years) had to many trees removed.

I would urge the council in their wisdom to make these TPO's permanent.

Regards

Stephen May  HHD

Sent from my iPad Sent from my iPad