

APPENDIX (2)

For the attention of Gavin Boyes, Tree Officer.

Re: Tree/s on land at, 41 High house drive, Lickey, Worcestershire, B45 8ET

TPOs on trees marked as T1 and T2.

Amenity.

I contest that both the horse chestnut tree (T1) and the sycamore tree (T2) be considered as an amenity for the following reasons:-

- (i) The trees are on private land, not a public park where they may be enjoyed by the public for shade in the summer, shelter from the elements in the winter or for children to climb.
- (ii) The road is privately owned and since no public footpaths branch off this end of the drive the general public cannot view the trees. There are very few houses that can view the trees, even then the sycamore tree (T2) which is covered in ivy actually obscures the view of T1.

Threat of tree collapsing, blowing over.

You are probably unaware that on the 23rd February 2017 just 30 metres to the North West of T1 another horse chestnut tree of similar age and size was blown over by strong winds snapping off the roots. The tree fell across the drive landing on the lawn opposite of house number 48, taking down telephone cables but fortunately no one was injured.

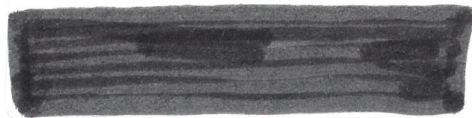
I called tree surgeon Chris Bishop and his team who came out promptly to cut the tree up and clear the drive. The stump of the tree was just pushed back into its original place by Chris and his men. The stump is still there today as the free end of the gate is attached to it.

We are all aware that T1 is diseased but to what extent is unclear. Has anyone checked its roots, lest the same thing happens to this horse chestnut tree.

It is common knowledge that "Climate Change" is causing more extremes of weather and since I insure the land (HW11642) I do not want the responsibility of the tree causing damage in the future. I wanted it cut down before it became too dangerous to do so safely.

If the trees were removed I would plant other trees as compensation.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Terence Sowerby