Ms H Butler 39 Cavendish Drive Hagley Stourbridge DY9 0LR

20th March 2024

Ref: TPO Objection Trees on the land at: The Oasis, Hagley, Worcestershire

I would like to submit my objections to the proposed TPO on the trees at the entrance to the Oasis Driveway. Whilst, I am in favour of encouraging a natural habitat, where possible, I do not believe that these particular trees should be protected by a TPO at there age and size.

The mature trees have reached a considerable height, to the extent that they would likely cause damage to nearby property if they were to become unstable. My property and the neighbouring two properties would be at considerable risk of serious damage. In periods of high winds, I consider the trees to be a considerable concern because of the length of the branches and the height of the trees.

The ground water level around the trees has significantly increased in recent years, which again raises further concerns regarding the stability of the trees root systems. The saturated ground surrounding the trees has been a cause for concern for myself and my neighbours for over 5 years.

The broad canopy of the trees have left the lowest section of my garden and my neighbours gardens in constant shade, the needles that drop from the tree in vast numbers all year round, not only create an unpleasant appearance but also increase the acidity of the ground meaning that many plants have been lost in my garden due to the lack of sunlight and poor soil quality.

Again, I would like to publicly state that I have personally tried to maintain a garden that has a variety of mature trees, and a broad of plants providing natural habitats. I understand the need for maintaining our natural environment but do not agree that preserving these trees and enforcing the requirement of replacing the trees with the same species to be an appropriate use of the TPO order. Trees of that hight and canary size are not appropriate in such close proximity to property and a private road.

Yours sincerely

1 The Oasis Hagley Stourbridge West Midlands DY9 0AT

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Re Tree Preservation Order (2) 2024

Dear Sir,

Further to your notice dated 8th February 2024 I would like to make the following comments:-

- 1. These trees are totally out of keeping within the environment in which they are situated.
- 2. I was the original occupant at The Oasis in January 2002. Over 300 trees were felled to allow development of the site. These particular trees were relatively not very high at that point.
- 3. They have both grown enormously and been topped and trimmed several times during the last 22 years.
- 4. Every year in high winds several branches break off and fall. Luckily none have landed on a person, car or the bungalow closest to the trees. They are a threat to life, limb and property for which residents of The Oasis would be liable.
- 5. This is an extremely environmentally conscious site on which the householders have planted hedgerows, trees and shrubs which attract dozens of birds and many forms of wildlife. It is truly a GREEN OASIS.
- 6. Personally I would like to see these trees felled and replaced with more appropriate species or, at least, lopped to a more manageable and safer size.
- 7. A site visit would confirm this information and I would be pleased to host you

Edward Sherman