

3 Clive Road,
Bromsgrove,
B60 2AY

25 May 2024

The Tree Team,
Crossgate House,
Crossgate Road,
Redditch,
B98 7SN

Tree Preservation Order (12) 2024

Trees on land at: 93 New Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2LB

Dear Gavin Boyes,

We are completely in favour of tree (13) being subject to a preservation order - hopefully permanently. The sweet chestnut tree is in the hedgeline of our back garden at number 3, Clive Road and is an important feature in our garden.

We trust the other trees listed will also be subject to preservation.

Yours sincerely

117 New Road
BROMSGROVE
Worcs
B60 2LJ

28th May 2024

Gavin Boyes
Environmental Services
Bromsgrove District Council
Crossgate House
Crossgate Road
REDDITCH
B98 7SN

Dear Mr. Boyes,

Re: Tree Preservation Order (12) 2024 on trees around 98 New Road, BROMSGROVE, B60 2 LB

We have lived opposite no.98, in no. 117 New Road, since 1988 and know these trees very well. All these trees add to the varied townscape here, not to mention their oxygen-production and CO₂-consumption, so we would strongly urge their conservation. Certain members of this tree-community need special mention viz:

(T1) this magnificent Lime is certainly the “master tree” for the area and is always used as a key point by the area’s birds, particularly as a pre-roost gathering-site in autumn through to spring. The numbers involved can be quite impressive: up to 70 Jackdaws, 60 Greenfinches (now undergoing a resurgence in numbers) and 80 Goldfinches at slightly different times and different dates/years. Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs sing in and around this and the other trees in the spring, in addition to the resident Blackbirds, Robins, Wrens, Dunnocks, Blue Tits, Great Tits and Goldcrests.

We love this tree but we do have some concerns: in recent years it has been showing some age and a big clump of mistletoe now grows in the top part. It has a number of mid-size branches which are now dead or have died and dropped: there is a pavement and road below on the east side. We have to admit we do look at it with concern in the (increasing) days of high winds: it would reach our house if it fell.

In summary, this tree is important both to ourselves and much wildlife and must be kept but probably needs reducing in stature for safety.

(T4) and (T5) these mature Scots Pines are beautiful trees, particularly as a characterful pair worthy of the Caledonian Pine Forest. They seem strong and well-proportioned. They also are important to local wildlife: a pair of Ravens have nested in them and local Sparrowhawks use them as vantage-points for example. They must surely be kept for the scenic grandeur they bring to the whole area.

We believe these specified trees and their ‘supporting cast’ of Limes and Sweet Chestnuts (i.e. (T2), (T3), (T6), (T7)) are Key environmental and amenity features of the area, decades in the making: we strongly urge the Tree Preservation Order be made permanent.

Yours sincerely,



28th May 2024

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2 Drayton Court
New Road
Bromsgrove
Worcestershire
B60 2LB

Gavin Boyes
Environmental Services
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Dear Mr Boyes,

Thank you for putting in place the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for the trees on land at **98 New Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 2LB**. As the owner of 2 Drayton Court, New Road, I am the direct neighbour to number 98 New Road and I write to you to express my gratitude that you have put in place a TPO for the beautiful trees on this site. It is a concern for myself and many local residences, that these trees may be at risk if and when development on this site takes place.

I and the local residence (who have provided their personal contact details), firmly believe that this TPO should be made permanent and more importantly, maintained by the new owners of 98 New Road. We feel that any planning granted to this site should stipulate the proper maintenance of these trees. I have been informed by neighbours who have lived nearby for 30+ years, that they have never been maintained whilst under the ownership of Worcestershire County Council and because of their size pose potential significant risk to houses number 4, 6 and 8 Drayton Court if they were to ever fall.

Outlined below are the reasons why we feel the TPO should be made permanent:

Environmental Benefits:

The trees have played a crucial role in our local ecosystem; absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, significantly improving air quality. They also act as natural filters, trapping dust, pollutants, and other harmful particles, which helps in reducing pollution levels.

Biodiversity and Habitat:

The trees in question provide essential habitats for a variety of wildlife, including birds, insects, and squirrels. Preserving these trees would help maintain biodiversity and ensures that these species have a place to live and thrive.

Aesthetic and Community Value:

The trees significantly enhance the beauty and appeal of our neighbourhood. They provide shade, reduce noise pollution, and create a serene and aesthetically pleasing environment. The presence of

mature trees can also increase property values and attract residents and visitors alike. For many in our community, these trees hold sentimental value and are an integral part of our local heritage.

Public Health and Well-being:

Numerous studies have shown that access to green spaces and nature positively impacts mental and physical health. Trees and green areas encourage outdoor activities, reduce stress, and promote overall well-being. By making the TPO permanent, we are investing in the health and happiness of our community members.

Long-Term Planning and Climate Resilience:

As we face the growing impacts of climate change, preserving mature trees is more important than ever. Trees play a critical role in mitigating climate change. A permanent TPO ensures that we are building a resilient community capable of withstanding environmental challenges.

In conclusion, the permanent preservation of the trees on 98 New Road is not just a matter of environmental stewardship but also a commitment to the well-being and quality of life of our community. We urge all those who are involved in the decision-making process to consider the long-term benefits and irreplaceable value that these trees bring to our area and to make the Tree Preservation Order permanent. We also urge that planning stipulates the care and maintenance of these trees so that they can be enjoyed by many generations to come, in safety.

I enclose the names, addresses and signatures of all the residence that are in favour of the TPO being made permanent for the reasons outlined in this letter. Please note that the absence of signatures from other surrounding houses is not an indication that they do not support this TPO but that they were merely not at home at the time where views were canvassed.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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