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31 JAN 2018

MR + MRS. P. HESTE  
1 Bayfield Wood Ct  
Chepstow  
NP16 6FB.

27<sup>th</sup> January 2018

RE: Tree Preservation Order MCC273 (2017) Woodfield  
Bayfield, Chepstow

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter notifying us of this order. Before the order is confirmed we think the following issues should be taken into consideration:

1) A full survey of all the trees should be carried out, as some appear diseased

2) They are not good specimens of ASH trees as they have not been managed + are therefore very tall + "lanky" as they fight for light. If you look at ABOVE WOOD further along there is a beautiful ASH tree that has been given space + has flourished

3) Before any order is confirmed all the trees ~~should be~~ cut back to residents boundaries as there are long standing issues with sizeable falling branches - as

previously discussed with Tim Bradford.

4) The whole area the trees<sup>are</sup> on needs tidying up + managing properly. The area is a fire hazard as there is a lot of dead wood + vegetation beneath. If ignited this poses a problem for property + wildlife, i.e. hedgehogs which frequently visit our garden + are welcome.

5) On 2/1/18 at 08<sup>30</sup> Council workers were "tidying up" + cutting bushes near the childrens play area adjacent to this copse. They were then "dumping" the cuttings in this copse, therefore adding to the hazard! Not helpful! Another neighbour spoke to them + they then removed the cuttings. It says it all that the Council see this area as "a dump" but wish to preserve the spindly trees!

Yours faithfully

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