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Your Ref: JK/TPO/MCC264

Dear Mr Keech

**Re: Tree Preservation Order Number (TPO) MCC264 (2016) – Cae Elga Highfield Road Osbaston Monmouth.**

Following your letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016, received 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016, given your comments a reply is necessary and should be incorporated with our Objections raised in our letter dated 3rd May 2016.

Our understanding is that this is a temporary order and we have the opportunity to raise objections to the TPO. If these objections hold firm a 'Decision Not to Confirm Order' will take place as per the information received 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Given that we had a deadline of the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to raise our objections we can only expect that the final decision would be made shortly after this date.

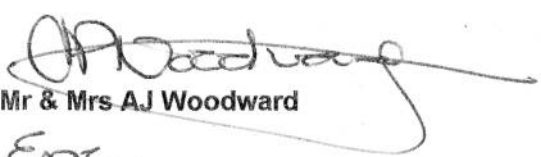
1. Our advice is that the tree is not a good specimen and should also be taken into consideration through the decision process.
2. As a site visit has not taken place we attach a photograph of the positioning of the tree with regards to the property in Berryfield that has suffered subsidence.
3. You state that the 'Amenity Value' is that the tree 'is a particularly prominent feature of the locality'. If this is the case why, was it during an open and honest conversation during a pre-application visit that the tree was discovered and only after this visit was a TPO served. Given these actions we question the trees 'prominence' and again would question if the tree is of local interest why a TPO has not been given before. Therefore we again ask; what is the 'Amenity Value'.
4. As the enclosed picture shows the tree is placed on the edge of our boundary and the edge of the Berryfield Estate, within feet of one of the properties built. If professionals at the time deem the tree to be of no 'material consideration' we question why the tree is now.

Your conclusion confuses us. It does not refer to this TPO and the formal report that needs to be prepared but a planning application which has not been made.

Please confirm what your actions will be with regard to the TPO; recommendations, full report and Planning Committee together with the timescales that will take to do. It would also be interesting to know, should it go before the Planning Committee if this is an Open Meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you by return.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr & Mrs AJ Woodward  
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