

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

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Dear Ms Hussain,

Re: Proposed TPO, 15 Sandhurst Road

We are in receipt of your documentation regarding a temporary Tree Preservation order being placed upon the tree at our neighbouring house, No 15 Sandhurst Road.

We reside at No 13 and I am concerned
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that once a preservation order is placed upon the tree, there will be no effort on the owner's part to keep the tree maintained and pruned at all, as has been the case. Since we moved into the property, and it seems many years previously.

We have so far had to undertake works to the tree via a local tree surgeon at our cost to remove overhanging branches which had become very imposing. If there needs to be any further pruning in any other areas of the tree to other neighbours costs, then this is unfair. Obviously there would be further cost implications when applying to the council to have any pruning done (obviously to the council's gain!).

The tree should only be preserved if it is first cut back to a standard whereby the branches are not overhanging.

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so far onto neighbouring properties. Many residents are very unhappy with the trees presence as it is so big and imposing on its own in a residential area, so close to houses. It has been left to grow, unattended and cars are ruined because of tree debris and sap. Much debris ends up blocking guttering. My car window does not slide up and down easily because of tree sap having caused a decline in the electrical operation of it as sap gets trapped and causes it to stick. I have had this stated to me from an RAC operative who I called out. One branch has already fallen onto our driveway, almost missing the car. I am only glad that one of my children was not standing there at the time. The owner of the said tree has been witnessed throwing debris from the tree onto my driveway; something I find odd, and completely unacceptable.

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I personally feel the tree is overhanging into the road too much and definitely needs to be re-examined by highways as I am worried any branches may fall into the way of passing cars, or worse, hurt a passerby on foot.

I would be grateful to hear whether the owner or the council is going to take responsibility for the tree, whether it will be felled/pruned properly, before or after a TPO is placed upon it or not.

I would also like to know who takes responsibility if a branch or falling debris hits my children or my vehicle.

Had I known the tree would be so imposing, I would never have chosen to live there. It is only after the event that we are sometimes armed with this knowledge, good or bad.

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I look forward to your comments
with much anticipation.

Mrs Caroline Baotable.

(on behalf of Mr Ian Baotable
and myself)

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Dear Sir or Madam

Reference preservation order for the Tree On 15 Sandhurst Road

I do object about the safety of the tree the tree in the state it is in is very unsafe and in my opinion will
One day branches will break away when we have strong winds where some one will be hurt
There are lots of children playing in this area.

I have no complaints about the tree if it was in a safe condition and branches trimmed down .
The tree is also causing the road to crack where the roots are under the road and I feel when
investigated will be a major problem to the council on cost to put back road services.

I would like to hear your comments and if possible would like the council to send a tree surgeon to look
at give us the satisfaction this the tree is in good condition

John Bennet MR



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