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Sent: 04 December 2020 10:32
To: Kevin Drane <Kevin.Drane@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: ECDC tree enquiry

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Dear Kevin,

I just wanted to say thank you for sending out the TPO and for supporting my application for it so far.

I do expect objections from two of my neighbours... [REDACTED] and they talk to each other about leaves and twigs which fall on the communal space. The communal space belongs to Priory Close not Abbey Close where I live and I already contribute to the upkeep of the green on Abbey Close where the local men residents have a rota for cutting the grass.

One of the reasons we bought this house was because of the silver birch tree. My three girls have grown up with it and we all love it. It supports nesting birds and songbirds, squirrels who have a dray in it currently and lots of insect life. It brings me peace and contentment when I sit down there next to my pond and listen to the wind in the leaves.

The various incidents that have happened [REDACTED] and have tainted the joy I felt when looking out at the tree. Instead of something I thought was bringing joy to many other people in the local area I was living in (and still am) I now live with the knowledge that someone nearby hates the tree and everything about it and wants it cut down.

[REDACTED]

I understand people often behave like this when there is some anxiety and perhaps she is afraid it would fall on her house in a storm. I gave it some thought and decided I would source a good tree surgeon to make sure the tree was healthy. I felt obliged to have something done about it after her comments.

He said it was a fine healthy tree, no sign of disease and in all likelihood would not fall in any direction but into our own garden. I asked him to do some tree surgery on it which he did very sensitively, thinning out a lot of branches so now the wind blows through really well... [REDACTED] saying it was still too big and needed topping.

Which I know would kill it.

So that's the reason why I have applied for a TPO .

I am still worried she will put in some objection which will be upheld but even if that happens it is still my tree and I will protect it for as long as I live here. Trees have nobody to stand up for them unless there is someone willing to. The idea for having a TPO is also to protect the tree even after we leave the house for the future families who May move into the area.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 June 2020 12:48

To: Kevin Drane <Kevin.Drane@eastcambs.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: ECDC tree enquiry

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your email.

I would like to make a formal request for a preservation order to be put on the silver birch at the end of my garden. It is on my property.

It overhangs a communal area but is not overhanging into anybody else's property.

I have had it sympathetically pruned by an excellent tree surgeon about 5 years ago costing £300 . It had tree surgery I believe at two other times before we moved into this house 23 years ago so it has a good shape.

The tree surgeon I had checked the health of the tree and said all was well, it was a fine healthy tree and I should not have any worries about it.

It is a big tree but is very graceful and beautiful. I think if it was removed it would take away from the character of the area. There are some other birch trees planted on other properties at the same time and I think it would be quite a loss if my tree was to be threatened with removal at any time. One of my neighbours two doors up had a similar tree but had it pruned very aggressively by tree surgeons who I believe were not professional. They cut off the crown of the tree and 2 years later it had to be completely removed . Perhaps it had rotted from the top down after being topped. ?

I have had one comment from a neighbour asking me to have my tree crowned or pruned to make it much smaller as she doesn't like the tree saying it's too big but I do not think that it would be the right thing for the tree.

Over several years we have had birds nesting in it and this year had a family of blue tits. I have also had green finch and gold finch to the feeder on the tree.

I would be very grateful if you would go ahead and carry out an assessment of the tree.

[REDACTED]

Kind regards

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