

From: [Sutton Parish Council \(SMTP\)](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: TPO/E/04/20
Date: 27 January 2021 10:40:19

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From: Rosie Hughes
Sent: 27 January 2021 10:38
To: Rosie Hughes
Subject: RE: TPO/E/04/20

Good morning Kevin


The parish council had a discussion regarding this consent notice.

Sutton Parish Council is in support of the TPO consent on this land for the following reasons:

1. It is a woodland wildlife environment.
2. A matter of local importance and worthy of protection (not just for neighbouring residents)
3. There is a drainage problem in the area, and removal of established trees may increase problems.
4. Sutton NP Policy NP2 – Protecting and Maintaining features of landscape and biodiversity value, must be considered when consideration is given to confirming the order.

Kind regards

Rosie

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From: Rosie Hughes
Sent: 25 January 2021 16:00
To: Kevin Drane
Subject: RE: TPO/E/04/20

Thanks Kevin

We have a resident attending out meeting tomorrow evening, to give their views.

Kind regards

Rosie

From: Kevin Drane [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2021 15:00
To: Rosie Hughes
Subject: RE: TPO/E/04/20

Dear Rosie

Please find attached a copy of the TPO order and plan. If there is anything else you require please let me know.

Regards

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From: Rosie Hughes [REDACTED]
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Hi Kevin

Hope you are well? I received in the post the letter and details of the TPO for land rear of 30 to 40 Garden Close.

I wonder if you could email me over the letter and application, as I wish to share this with members for our meeting. I'm a bit under resourced at home to be able to scan it, other than one page at a time and very slowly.

Many thanks for your help

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From: [Mark Baker](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Garden Close Trees
Date: 28 January 2021 09:16:01

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> Dear Mr Drane

> I understand that it is proposed to provide TPO protection for the large trees and hedgerow at the rear of Garden Close, Sutton.

> I would fully support this action, as the trees form an important element of the local amenity provided by this part of the Village. The trees and hedges are an integral part of the setting, visually helping to link the Recreation Ground, the Cricket Ground and the Listed St Andrew's Church.

> I have lived in Sutton for nearly 40 years and it has been a joy to see this part of the Village improved over the years. The orchard and tree planting at the Recreation Ground have increased the importance of this area as a green space enjoyed by many villagers seeking exercise and tranquility.

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> Please do all to can to protect this important amenity for us and future generations.

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> Kind regards

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> Mark Baker

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From: [Brian Watson](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Trees behind Garden Close, Sutton
Date: 28 January 2021 10:39:09

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Dear Mr Drane,

It has been suggested that I write to you in support of the Tree Preservation Order granted on the trees behind Garden Close and Lawn Lane in Sutton.

As a resident of the village and living quite close, I feel strongly that this group of trees perform both an aesthetic and practical function where they are and no challenge to the TPO should be allowed.

We have a Village Plan that requires due husbandry to take place on our open and wooded areas and this group in particular certainly qualifies in that regard as an attractive group of mixed and compatible species.

In addition, where they are sited benefits the drainage of the land on which they stand as it is a run-off for rain falling higher up.

We have recently experienced problems of flooding elsewhere in the village where due regard was not paid to natural means of disposing of falling water, and to remove this group of trees would be to encourage a similar problem.

Best regards,

Brian Watson, 

From: [Mike Child](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TPO/E/04/20 LAND AT REAR OF 30 TO 40 GARDEN CLOSE SUTTON
Date: 31 January 2021 10:23:48

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Hello Kevin Drane

I write in respect of the recent Tree Preservation Order TPO/E/04/20 dated 15th December 2021.

I support this Tree Preservation Order.

The reasons for my support:

- amenity, landscape and aesthetic value
- nature conservation, sustainability and biodiversity
- a national asset in the fight against climate change

However, there are wider policy and strategic issues that support and illustrate the vital importance of this TPO:

- Neighbourhood Plan NP2 and NP5 - "...proposals will be expected to retain existing features of landscape and biodiversity.." - ".....retain existing mature trees and hedgerows.."
- East Cambs needs to increase it's tree cover not reduce it - (ECDC in the bottom 10 of areas in the country for tree cover (5.3% - half the UK average))
- the government publication "The Case for trees development and the urban environment" illustrates the wider benefits of trees in the urban landscape

I hope that Planning Committee members will support this TPO for the reasons stated above.

Kind regards

Mike Child



From: [Peter Wood](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Cc: [Lorna Dupre \(SMTP\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TPO E/04/20 in Sutton
Date: 01 February 2021 12:35:51

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Dear Kevin

Please accept our apologies for a delayed reply, my wife and I are locked down here, having furloughed our care team, working in shifts to provide 24/7 care for our disabled son. So it takes a while to get an email written.

As the owners of one of the trees that it covers, we want to thank you for creating TPO E/04/20. We're delighted you've done it, and we're content for you to have included one of our trees.

The trees covered by the TPO form an important part of the setting of Sutton in its landscape on its more "historic" southern side. They're a visible feature across a very wide area, particularly from the south and from the cricket ground and Station Road, and they also form part of the village setting when viewed across the fen on the route in from Haddenham.

They form an important part of the wildlife ecosystem around here, and they afford the local residents what is, these days, the rare and near-magical privilege of seeing and listening to rooks roosting at dusk.

These semi-mature trees are significant in the area and should not lightly be felled to create a road junction on a proposed estate which itself does not comply with the village's approved Neighbourhood Plan. Denuding the landscape by felling these trees would be completely unnecessary and gratuitous.

Speaking of the village's Neighbourhood Plan, the Plan has two policies which very specifically relate to these trees.

Policy NP2, which relates to any development in Sutton, states that:

All development proposals will be expected to retain existing features of landscape and biodiversity value (including trees, woodland, hedgerows, the open nature of meadowland and verges) and, where practical to do so, provide a net gain in biodiversity through, for example: the creation of new natural habitats; the planting of additional trees and hedgerows; and restoring and repairing fragmented biodiversity networks.

Policy NP5, which relates specifically to the land on which these trees sit, states specifically that any development should....

ii) retain existing mature trees and hedgerows; iii) preserve and enhance views from the south towards the Church, from Lawn Lane eastwards and Station Road westwards across the cricket fields and open spaces

Your TPO is therefore completely in line with both of these policies, and we offer our wholehearted support.

On a more prosaic and pragmatic note, we point out that the field is known to be extremely boggy, and (as Haydens Arboricultural Consultants pointed out in their original tree survey for this application (circa 2016)) this group of trees have high water demand, and so are performing a valuable function in the field. That's not a function that will be replaced by felling most of them and planting replacement saplings somewhere else.

On the subject of tree surveys, we note also that Haydens' survey attributes an estimated remaining life of 40+ years to this group, which appears to be the highest value that they could award. The ACD survey, paid for by the present applicants, drops this to just 20+ years, which seems a somewhat surprising value for English Oaks which are only described as "semi-mature" (Haydens) or "early-mature" (ACD).

We look forward to hearing, in due course, that the TPO has been confirmed.

Best regards
Peter Wood

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From: [joy owen](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TPO at Abbey site behind Garden Close, Sutton
Date: 01 February 2021 19:25:25

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Dear Kevin,

I am writing on behalf of Sutton Conservation Society who wholeheartedly support the Tree Preservation Order at the Abbey Site in Sutton. In fact we would also like to have the lovely Willow and trees on the South of the site to be added also as all of these are not only beneficial for birds, and other wildlife, especially the great crested newts, but also help enormously to take up some of the flood water that is constantly lying on the land. Native trees such as those on this site are important to biodiversity. Willow trees support up to 266 different species of insect, Oak trees have been shown to support up to 284 different insect species. If a tree is removed, it is not only the tree itself that is lost, but all the insects dependant on that tree for food, the birds that eat the insects, and potentially, mammals such as fox that prey on birds for their food. It takes time for these interconnected webs to establish, so the planting of smaller “replacement” trees is in no way equivalent to a mature tree.

Even if trees are retained, great care needs to be taken to protect the root area during any construction work. Clearly marked Root Protection Areas must be put in place around all the trees on site to prevent significant long-term damage to each tree by damaging it's roots during the digging of foundations, laying of roads, pavements and footpaths. This includes storage of building materials such as bricks and sand, as this can restrict oxygen to root systems by compacting the soil.

Ecologists recommend that that to compensate for the loss of one tree, five trees should be planted, and they should be of native species. Any trees removed should be used to create log piles to provide insect habitats. As Great Crested Newts are known to live on this site, they will also take advantage of log piles, and deadwood in hedgerows.

An expert from wildlife charity Buglife states “More woodland could help to reverse declines in insect life, but only if we get the right trees in the right place. This means local trees, clean trees and flowery trees using natural regeneration and not planting trees on wildflower grassland or other wildlife habitats.” (Matt Shardlow, head of Buglife)

An expert from the Woodland Trust says “The UK needs to pursue a mix of approaches including expanding native woodland, sustainable commercial plantations, urban trees, hedges and individual countryside trees.” (Nick Phillips).

We are very concerned that if all these trees and hedging are destroyed then the wildlife, especially the great crested newts will suffer and probably be lost to this site due to the lack of safe corridors they need to get to feeding sites and their ponds.

We are also concerned that the loss of all these trees and hedging could badly affect the woodland we planted nearly 30 years ago on the adjacent field to the South of the site as the lack of trees on the Abbey site will increase the runoff of surface water and rain water onto the Recreation Field and the woodland.

This site needs to be sensitively developed due to the presence of great crested newts and it is home to a huge range of wildlife which will be lost if the trees and hedgerows are destroyed.

So we ask you to preserve all the trees and hedges on the site before another important wildlife site is destroyed.

We look forward to hearing of a positive outcome to this TPO,

Best wishes,

Joy Owen

Sutton Conservation Society.



From: [Gaye Himpett](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Cc: [Lorna Dupre \(SMTP\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tree Preservation Order, Garden Close, Sutton-in-the-Isle
Date: 05 February 2021 13:23:07

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Dear Mr Drane,

It has been brought to our attention by our District Councillors for Sutton that the developers of the proposed site at Garden Close, Sutton-in-the-Isle have objected to the Tree Preservation Order set up to protect the trees on this site.

In our opinion, as occupants of Lawn Lane, which is adjacent to Garden Close, It is completely unacceptable for these trees and hedgerows to be removed in any circumstances. We can see the canopy of the trees from the front windows of our house and to lose them would change the outlook forever.

We understand the need for housing developments but feel they should be built alongside nature and to preserve the countryside and the existing ecosystem.

Cambridgeshire as a whole has an insufficient number of trees for the size of the county and all developers of land should be encouraged to preserve mature trees and hedgerows as well as new planting on sites.

I hope that the Planning Committee will respect the wishes of the residents of Sutton-in-the-Isle and uphold the Sutton Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Mike & Gaye Himpett

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From: [Howard Palmer](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TPO application No E/04/20 land east garden close Sutton
Date: 09 February 2021 22:39:52

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Dear Kevin Drane

I have been informed that many of the trees around this site are involved in a application for TPO,s.

This great news. However I am dismayed to hear the developers have stated that these trees have no amenity value.

The willow and all the other trees on this site drink thousands of litres of water on the site every year.

this is a very wet field with springs that appear all over this field and the trees help to deal with the vast volume of water arriving onto this field. It therefore does not make sense to cut them down they need protection.

Apart from the fact the trees look good and benefit the environment, and benefit me & my wife in more ways than I can list.

The main reason the trees should be protected is evident to us every day. Through our windows.

Their is a long list of birds and animals that rely on these trees for food and shelter. we see daily foxes and deer of all types. far to many to just to be passing through, but live here. It puzzled my wife why the weeping willow in the middle of the field did not have foliage touching the ground. but it was soon made clear it was trimmed to exact height the deer could reach. I don't believe you could get it more cut off level with a hedge cutter.

We moved from a farm house in the middle of no ware to garden close but we see a lot more wildlife here than the farmhouse. The wildlife here needs to get some protection so looking after their environment is imperative.

It seem strange that in these modern times we should be letting trees be removed and jeopardising wildlife,

Hopeing you take these factors into consideration with this TPO

Howard & Sue Palmer



From: [Brigid Tree](#)
To: [Kevin Drane](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tree Preservation Order, Garden Close - 20/01169/RMM (Reserved Matters for outline planning application 17/01445/OUM)
Date: 22 February 2021 01:49:02

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Dear Mr Drane,

We write to register our support for the Tree Preservation Order No E/04/20 currently in place for 3 groups of mature trees on land to the rear of Garden Close.

We are very conscious of their contribution to maintaining the wildlife and biodiversity of the area and also feel it is really important to respect Sutton's Neighbourhood Plan, which ought not to be ignored after being the result of so much work and local input/consultation.

We believe the plan states that development should retain existing mature trees and hedgerows and sadly there is little enough left in the village as it is. Currently, these groups of trees are providing cover for Muntjac which we see daily.

On a personal level and for reasons of retaining access to light in our property, we have reluctantly had to take action on the trees bordering our Bungalow which lies 2 feet below the level of the land to the rear.

However, we will most certainly be doing our bit to mitigate the impact by planting a group of smaller trees which will grow only to about 6 or 7 foot while still keeping the Birds and wildlife happy.

We fervently hope that where at all possible, as much as possible will be done to protect our precious environment and wildlife and we welcome and support the Tree Preservation Order No E/04/20

Yours sincerely,

Brigid and Bruce Tree

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