

APPENDIX 1.

Emails received during the consultation period, with objections to the serving of the TPO.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:36 PM
To: Neil Horsewell
Subject: 6 Hop Row Haddenham Ely

To Whom it may concern

We are writing to you to object the tree preservation order that has been served on our silver birch tree at no 6 Hop Row Haddenham Ely Cambs CB6 3SR.

As owners of the property we feel we need to write this letter to explain the reason we would like to have permission for the removal of the TPO order and allow us to remove the tree. We purchased the property in November 2016 and have been carrying out work on it to make it modern, upgraded and updated property from the inside and out. We are a family with 3 children and wish to place an extension on the property to make this a big enough home for our growing family. I have lived in the village all my life and my husband has lived in Haddenham over 23 years. We purchased the house from my great aunts family, with the view for this be our family home for many more years to come and it was nice as we got to keep the house within the family. It is also ideal for us as I cannot drive as I have epilepsy and its a prime location for us to live in the middle of the village. It also makes it easier for me to take my children to school and preschool and I am also close to the drs and the pharamcy.

We had an AIA report carried out as recommended when we applied for the planning permission, which stated the tree has already been damaged, reducing the growth/life expectancy by the closeness of the concrete driveway by the previous owners. As reported in the AIA report it also states that the tree has only approx life expectancy of 10 - 20 years left and it was also damaged during the recent storm.

We are also concerned that the tree branches are very close to the bt wires and could cause an issue in the near future. The tree also over hangs Our neighbours wall and property, we discussed this with them and they agreed with us to apply for planning permission and for removal of the tree. They expressed they find the leaves fall into their guttering and fall onto their pathway. This does become an issue as it makes it slippy and dangerous for one of our neighbours as she has difficulty in walking and is worried she will slip and fall.

The public's view of the silver birch tree to the side of the house is hidden behind a large conifer tree situated in the very front of the garden. We feel that by improving the appearance of our family home and surroundings this will benefit us and the public's view of the street. We would be replacing the trees with 2 heavy standard silver birch trees (as recommended by the tree consultant that carried out the AIA report) which he advised would enhance the public amenity. After planting the new replacement trees, our family and the public will be able to see them grow over many more years. We hope that if we can continue to make these changes to our property and the gardens that we can improve the overall view for ourselves, the street and the public.

Please could you confirm you have received this letter of objection.

Kind regards

Mrs Amy Amory
&
Mr Jonathan Amory

From: Councillor Mark Hugo [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Neil Horsewell
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to TPO E/05/17

Dear Mr Horsewell

I wish to formally object to this recent TPO in Hop Row, Haddenham

The tree in question

- is barely visible from the street as it shielded by a large conifer and thus does not add to the street scene in any substantial way
- has suffered from branch damage in the recent high winds
- according to the AIA report by the owners had only 10-20 years left to live
- has no support (that I have found) from neighbours who regard it as a nuisance (leaves in gutters etc..)
- is preventing a very necessary simple extension to the property to allow a local family the opportunity to keep living in the village
- will be replaced by 2 more suitable birch trees in better locations on the site if the extension goes ahead

Can you please acknowledge this objection

Kind Regards

Councillor Mark Hugo
Haddenham Parish Council
East Cambs District Council
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2017 8:59 AM
To: Neil Horsewell
Subject: Re: Tree Preservation Order 6 Hop Row, Haddenham ref E/05/17

Objection to Tree Preservation Order 6 Hop Row, Haddenham ref E/05/17

Thank you for your letter dated 29th March 2017 notifying me of the serving of a Tree Preservation Order on the Silver Birch adjacent to our property on the site of No 6 Hop Row.

I would like to object the the serving of this Order on a number of points.

With reference to the tree itself, myself and my wife's feelings about the nuisance this caused us were documented in our response to the Planning Application 16/01747/FUL and I would like them to be fully reconsidered within this objection.

It is in my opinion not the best of specimen of a Birch which must now be 50 – 60 years old with a limited life (aggravated by it's siting and the adjacent concrete hardstanding). In the particularly high winds we experience in Hop Row (generally South Westerly) I believe it is only a matter of time before a significant branch will be blown down potentially causing damage to property. I have frequently watched it swaying in high winds especially in recent storms this year (and that is before it is in full leaf). It is also weeping from a joint halfway up which is in my opinion indicative of a future branch failure. I recently had to remove a similar tree on the Haddenham Recreation Ground because a large branch had split of the trunk, luckily falling on the side of an adjacent tree. You gave approval for full removal of this tree which was a highly observable asset in full public view.

Trees are generally planted with good intentions by lay people but not always in respect of the size and position (and I would add without any approvals from anyone required), they will grow to and the nuisance and risk they will cause. In small private gardens it is prudent to remove the risk and replace with suitable replanting scheme as the Applicant intends.

This tree is well back from the road, not hugely visibly by the public and is being replace by more suitable trees, these will hopefully over time become "highly observable assets". No one in the locality I have spoken to see it as a visible asset and some were not even aware it was there until I mentioned it)

The tree is in a similar position adjacent our boundary to a large Copper Beech tree which was totally overshadowing our roof/property. At that time your department gave permission for it's removal (about 5 years ago) stating as I recall (lovely tree, wrong location)

I would also mention the delays that this process is causing stopping a young long standing local family moving into a renovation a run down home passed down from their family. More fuel to the argument that the future of this tree should be considered with the other relevant factors in the Planning process, not by a reactive and in my opinion inappropriate TPO

I am therefore slightly bemused as to why tree has been served a TPO half way though the planning process. It has been within a Conservation Area for a number of years now and was

protected by that and Planning Law. No one could touch that tree without getting approval from ECDC. No one has previously has identified that tree as "special" and you only became aware of it through the recent Planning Application 16/01745/FUL for No 6 Hop Row. That application initially went through the Planning Process without any objections from the Parish Council, Local consultees or the wider Community which contradicts the statement in the TPO that the tree is "a highly observable asset within the landscape" worthy of retaining at any cost. The fate of that tree therefore should in my opinion have been decided though the proper and already commenced Planning Process, under which the Tree Officer should have been able provide his opinion to be considered by the overall planning process. The tree I agree is an important consideration but not the only one to be considered in reaching a judgement on the Planning Application taking into account all the relevant factors.

I have to conclude that the serving of a TPO midway through the process was to say the least, unhelpful to both the Applicant in terms of costs and delays and the effectiveness of the Council in reaching a prompt decision considering all the facts. I am not sure what it is meant to achieve when the Planning process would have come to a much more robust consultative conclusion should it have been allowed to complete – and then depending on the outcome, a TPO could have been served if appropriate ?

On a personal matter it is important to the local community that this property is refurbished to the standard of other properties within the area. It has been in a neglected state for quite a few years and the extension to provide a garage and a further bedroom is essential to make it a sensible sized family home. We are pleased to see it has been purchased by relations of the previous owner who want to bring their family up in the middle of their village.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this Objection

Regards

Chris Ray
Laurel House
4 Hop Row
Haddenham
CB6 3SR

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2017 8:02 PM
To: Neil Horsewell
Subject: Ref TPO Haddenham E/05/17

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in response to your letter of 29th March re the TPO you have placed on the Silver Birch tree at our prospective neighbours house at 6 Hop Row, Haddenham.

I am writing to Object to this decision.

I am very disappointed to learn of your decision to place a TPO on this tree as its continuing presence will have a profound effect on the lives of both Mr & Mrs Amory & family & myself & my husband.

The tree in question was naively planted many years ago by the previous occupants but it is a case of a beautiful tree in the wrong place!

I am sure it seemed like a good idea at the time – an act that many of us are no doubt guilty of – planting a twig with no thoughts of the size it might reach or disruption it might cause in years to come.

It was planted in all innocence with no thought of the future consequences. I am sure the planters of this tree, who are now both deceased, would be very upset to think they were responsible for the problems it is now causing.

This tree was planted in a small garden too close to the house & too close to the wall separating our gardens meaning that its branches extend over our border & overhang onto our property. For two months of the year the tree sheds an extraordinary number of tiny seeds as well as its leaves.

The majority of which find their way onto our & neighbouring properties. Opening our windows & doors on that side of the house means a deluge of seeds on all window sills & floors.

I have come to dread Autumn for this reason.

The seeds block our house & garage gutters & we have to pay for these to be cleared.

More importantly & of great concern to me is the fact that the seeds & leaves form a thick carpet that lines the concrete path from our back door to our garage.

I absolutely hate having to play the disabled card but I have problems with mobility & balance & when the path is covered in seeds & particularly when wet it becomes very slippery.

The walk from our back door to the garage side door where I keep my freezer & tumble drier becomes treacherous & I am very frightened of falling over.

By preserving the tree Mr & Mrs Amory will be prevented from extending the house & making it into a more desirable family home big enough for themselves & their three children.

Mr & Mrs Amory are both from this locality & given the current housing shortage it seems ironic that a tree that adds no value to their property & certainly not to their neighbours prevents them from realising their ambition!

As a keen gardener & lover of plants & trees I am eager to protect the environment in which we live wherever it is practical to do so. I have to say that although I understand the rationale for fiercely protecting trees I fail to see it on this occasion.

Haddenham is well endowed with trees & particularly in this area .Both our houses back onto the School playing field which has a number of trees to include a fine specimen of Silver Birch& we are a two minute walk from the Recreation Ground which hosts a fine array of beautiful trees .These trees are all appropriately planted & enjoyed & appreciated by the local community. I cannot say the same of the tree in question !

I am given to understand that the tree may have as little as 10 years of life left & given it's proximity to our house& garage it worries me that it may fall onto our property . Hop Row is said to be to one of the highest points in Cambridgeshire & as such we feel the full force of winds & gales .We all suffered some damage from the recent storm Doris, the Silver Birch included!

Given how exposed this area is it is possible the tree may not even last the next 10 years !!

I would be grateful if you would confirm receipt of this e email

Regards

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From: Gill Marchant [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 9, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Neil Horsewell
Subject: TPO E/05/17

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2A Hop Row, HADDENHAM, CB6

9/04/17

Your ref TPO Haddenham
E/05/17

Dear Neil

Firstly I would like to say I am a tree lover and have planted many in my lifetime. My boundary was once adjacent to 6 Hop Row and in the early 80's when I remarked to my then neighbour how lovely her (very small) *Betula pendula* was. She replied that her son had planted it and it would cause problems as it grew large and would have to be removed.

Unfortunately now my garden is full of its seedlings, it blocks the filters in my Koi pond and in autumn and spring I also have to skim the pond 2-3 times a day to remove seeds and leaves. We are currently replacing our paths in the hope they will be less slippery in damp conditions when the tree is shedding. I also suffer from allergies to its pollen. As I'm now in my more senior years it is difficult to cope with the extra work it produces.

As I said at the start of this letter I love trees, it just seems that they are sometimes in the wrong place. The school has planted several *Betula* and *Acer campestre* just behind my wall, a couple of years ago so it is not as though these trees will not be represented nearby.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gill Marchant