

Laura Strong

From: Arboreco - Edward Litchfield
Sent: 04 May 2023 22:32
To: Laura Strong
Subject: 88 Main Street Newtown Linford - TPO Objection

Dear Laura,

Further to our recent phone conversations I am writing to inform you of the objection to the TPO at 88 Main Street on behalf of our clients.

The original application relates to four elements of work at the property, three of which are reasonable maintenance. T1 Yew had a modest 2m reduction prune proposed to maintain a balanced and naturalistic shape, work which has been carried out in the past. T2 Spruce was also a reduction prune to previous cuts, and again, work which has been carried out in the past. G2 Leyland Cypress hedge has been proposed for a 50% reduction in height. This is a species of notoriously vigorous and problematic growth habit, and as it forms a hedge, I do not believe it can be eligible for a TPO, and furthermore, will require frequent maintenance to due it's location within very close proximity to the neighbouring property.

I have requested on a number of occasions the survey and TEMPO assessment from the planning officer so I can try to understand the rationale of protecting in particular the hedge, and also the modest works for the benefit of the others, but have yet to receive the information, other than the brief comments in the TPO covering letter.

The planning officer commented in previous emails that "the degree of pruning was not specified" for these elements. This was indeed specified and noted within the planning application on the portal, which I have checked, and forwarded twice for comment; to which I have eventually received a response, but not to acknowledge or address these pointers.

G1 is a group of tall, slender Fir trees and 1 Blue Spruce which were proposed to fell. Individually, the trees are of partial foliage, with the group canopy forming the overall coverage. The height they have now reached is causing significant movement and opening of the canopy and leaving them prone to windthrow. A reduction in height was not considered due to detrimental amenity impact, and therefore suggested removal on the ground over being over mature; and also to allow Yew T1 more space and light as it will have a more viable future than the group G1. As the overall tree cover in the immediate area is good, and that the works would promote the long term well being of the Yew as well as abating and nuisance to the neighbouring properties, I believe this to be a reasonable proposition.

I have spoken verbally to the Parish Council Clerk of Newtown Linford and undertand the Tree Warden has no objections to the proposed works.

It is my belief that with a clear site visit with the specified works to hand, our proposal is to the long term benefit of the treescape, our clients, and their respective neighbours alike.

I await you advices,

Kind regards,

Eddie

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