

Strong Laura

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Sent: 21 November 2019 10:18
To: Strong Laura
Cc: Jane Simpkin
Subject: The Grange Site-TPO Hearing
Attachments: Pines-3.jpg; Goat Willow 2019.jpg

Dear Laura

Jane Simpkin (No 31) and myself (No.39) have been looking again at the papers and have realised that there is a fundamental misunderstanding at the heart of the proceedings. The argument used to justify a TPO seems to hinge on the need to prevent the removal of the two ancient mature Scots Pines on the southern boundary. This was never the intention of the tree works notification put in by our management company, Kingsdale. Those two mature Scots Pines stand very tall and can be seen from all around, and are a glory.

The tree works notification referred to three small pines which are very close to No 31 and which interfere with that apartment's access to light. They are numbered T1, T2 and T3 on the notification, and can be seen very clearly on the attached recent photograph –Pines-3.

That image also shows the dead small holly referred to in the notification as T4.

I also attach image Goat Willow 2019, which features as T6 in the notification. This specimen is growing very forcibly, starting as a self-sown seedling from just after the site was developed in 2008. We have access to images taken at that time by Marion Vincent MBE, the first resident of No 41, which show no Goat Willow at this spot. That tree is now beginning to steal light from the apartments at the southern edge of the site (Nos 31-51).

It is important to restate that Jane Simpkin and I are in the category of leasehold residents, and have no power or authority to undertake tree works on this site. That will always be down to the Freeholder, Kingsdale. Charnwood Council does not have to concern itself with imposing harsh TPO measures to restrain us 41 residents from rogue tree works.

Every good wish

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Pines-3



Goat Willow 2019

