

# APPENDIX 2

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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**RE: TPO No. 214 (2024) on 83 Parsons Road Garden**

Dear Mr White,

I would like to raise objection to a tree being subject to a TPO in my garden.

You have stated that the reason for the council making a TPO is because, the tree provides special amenity value, however the tree is in my garden, and I do not believe that it does provide any special amenity value, it does not contribute to the attractiveness of the area, if anything because it is so large and spread out, it is blocking light from entering the home, and very hard to upkeep.

Further reason as to why I object to this, is because back in 2020, when I called you to check if it did have a TPO, you advised that you think it does, as it is an oak tree, you sent me a TPO application form. I advised that at the time there were a few storms and our neighbour's had a tree at the end of their garden (out of boundary), which the council came and cut down majority of the branches as they had fell into their garden (destroying a fence on the other side). My reason for calling you at the time was concerns that the tree in my garden was an even larger tree, and I have small children who play in the garden, who could be injured if any branches were to fall on them. In addition, due to the tree being so large and covering majority of the garden, it is hard to upkeep maintenance in the Autumn months. I am sure that my neighbours would also object to the TPO, as in severe storm it also risks their garden, in case any large branches or the tree falls, it would not only damage my fence/property but also the neighbours. I would be happy for you to replant a tree outside of my boundary if this would help remove the TPO on this tree.

Finally, as stated previously in our correspondence, I am considering getting my garden done in the next few years and would like to remove the tree/s from the garden to make it more open for the children, as well as let more light into the rooms. I would also, pending financial situation, think about an extension in the future and, the tree would then make it too close to the home, therefore affecting insurance as well as the dangers of having such a large tree too close to home.

I would like to strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to place a TPO on the tree for safety reasons as well as taking into consideration my future for my home. I understand you have the authority to place a TPO on private land, however I as the homeowner, do not wish for this tree to remain in my garden, and if you had told me earlier that there was no TPO on this tree, I would have had it cut down a long time ago, as I had initially contacted you in 2020.

Please take into consideration my wishes and feelings, as well as the safety aspects that I have raised in order to make a decision to remove the TPO on the tree in the garden of 83 Parsons Road.

Kind Regards,

Maryam Shakeel