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Your Ref: TPO 188

Dear Mr & Mrs Wallace

Tree Preservation Order (188) Within the Grounds of Hobbs Crescent

Thank you for your letter dated 25 September 2020, received at the office for Policy & Governance on 28 September 2020. This was subsequently passed to myself as the responsible Tree and Woodland Officer for this area. I would like to acknowledge the objection you have raised in response to the proposed Tree Preservation Order.

The Tree Preservation Order was made following an enquiry from local residents in relation to the felling of the two Yew Trees.

These are numbered G1 & G2 within the schedule of the order. The Trees were retained through the planning process and the redevelopment of Highfield House in 2014 & 2015. Furthermore, there were planning conditions in place regarding the retention of the Trees within the site that remained active and in place for 5 years from the date they were issued.

They were initially issued on the 11 February 2014 through application TWC/2014/0153 and were revalidated on the 29 June 2015 when a minor amendment to the approved plans came in under TWC/2015/0579, these planning conditions were reissued on the 29 June 2015. Consequently, the Tree retention condition for the development lapsed on the 29 June 2020.

There appears to have been no sound arboricultural reasons for the two Yew Trees to be felled as they were healthy specimens.

Having now had the opportunity to read a recent Tree safety report for Hobbs Crescent, the coppiced stumps of the Yews have started to regenerate and are growing back. It is hoped that they will once again grow up to contribute to the amenity and the ecology of the local area.

Yew Trees are a British Native species and they are some of Britain's oldest growing Trees, with many examples growing for hundreds of years and a few which are into their second or third Millennium.



All of the Trees highlighted within the area will be subject to the order should it be confirmed at Planning Committee.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Onions
Tree & Woodland Officer