


F.A.O. Ms Jayne Clarke
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Date 17/02/2021
Property Ref Land to the rear of 39 Ercall Lane



RE: Objection to TPO-189 in compliance with regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) Regulations 2012.

Dear Ms Clarke,

I write in objection to the recently imposed Tree Preservation Order (ref: TPO-189) on land  to the rear of 37 & 39 Ercall Lane, Wellington, Telford, TF1 2DY.

The basis of the objection is that the land has been previously classified as 'ancient woodland' and therefore already benefits from protection. The land has had this classification throughout the forty years that my family have owned the land. The Council have had no reasons previously to apply additional restrictions and there has been no change in circumstances that would warrant this sudden Order.

My family have been managing the woodland over the last 40 years under the guidance of the Forestry Commission and other arboriculture experts. Maintenance has included thinning the woodland and felling trees that are dead, or which are a danger to the properties surrounding the woodland, the public using the public footpaths and to traffic on the motorway. All works have been carried out with the required felling licences obtained from the Forestry Commission or on request from Highways England. By placing this unnecessary restriction, the Council is impeding our ability to manage the private woodland effectively and in a timely manner, which is a threat to the health of the woodland area and to the safety of the public.

With regards the 'current or potential visual amenity' that the TPO order states the woodland provides, this has not been affected by the woodland management, which has taken into account the privacy of people surrounding the woodland and the function of the woodland as both a noise and a pollution barrier to the M54. 
 because of his love for trees and wildlife. I don't believe this had been affected to date by any work carried out on the woodland, which has been carried out with prior notification to all the surrounding residents and has been done without comment or objection.

Furthermore, there are no particularly special or rare species of tree within the woodland that would warrant this level of protection and the site is of much less importance and value compared to the Wrekin and Ercall, which are not subject to such restrictions.

For the reasons set out above, I formally and urgently request that this Order is removed as soon as practically possible.

