

Appendix 4 – Objection

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Objection against tree preservation order no. 03

I am writing in regards to an objection against a sycamore tree preservation order no. 03 at 31 West Street, Banbury.

I would like to raise the following concerns:

1. Damage of garden wall and potential risk of collapsing

The garden wall has already been pushed back by the tree as it leans against it and is causing continuous damage which will lead it to eventually collapsing. As the garden area is used by young children and other family members this poses a hazard to their safety and well being. The children and family should be able to play and use their garden with no such risk being present.

2. Overhanging branches falling off and hitting my children in their garden play area

Much of the tree hangs over my property and many of the branches hang low and are large enough to cause significant damage to people and property.

3. Damage to garden shed and play equipment property by branches

The branches has caused physical damage to play equipment such as swings and slides, moreover, birds that rest on the branches cause further mess which defaces my shed and the equipment.

4. Preventing additional back access entrance to property.

Due to the excess number of cars on west street this causes further safety concerns for me and my family; in particular as I have young children. To overcome this I would like to build a back access passage and garage to the property. I am unable to do this again due to how low the branches come down and the potential of the tree falling on my garage.

In summary despite the fact the tree does not belong to me but causes me and my family considerable difficulty and in particular those relating to the safety of my children. After speaking to my neighbours they agreed to cut the tree down however the council have placed a tree preservation order. I believe that further attention needs to be made how this impacts my property and family and would therefore like to place this objection.

Best wishes

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