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Subject: Re: Appeals Hearing to consider a TPO Objection - 3/5 Stanley Road

Dear Karen

I will not be able to attend the appeal hearing, but I hope that the points that I make below will be considered by the panel before a decision is made.

New Forest District Council have a published document entitled "Tree Protection and Development Guidance". I have quoted below the opening statement in this document:

"Trees are a significant and highly visual component in the landscape, and there is an increasing need to focus attention on trees and their role in providing not only a pleasant environment, but the many benefits that trees provide such as reducing the impacts of climate change, helping in the management of stormwater runoff, improving biodiversity through the retention and creation of new habitats, removing pollution particulates from the environment in which we live and regulating the temperature through shading and evapotranspiration. Trees can be used to offset the adverse impacts that development and environmental change can have in both rural and urban settings".

I became aware of this Oak tree on Stanley Road when the property came on to the market in 2022. In the sale details mention was made of the development potential for this site. Any tree on a development site is a potential obstruction and is likely to be lost. The property is currently not on the "open" market, but the risk to this tree remains.

Referring back to the New Forest District Council's publication "Tree Protection and Development Guidance" I would make the following points.

1. This Oak tree is a highly visible tree in the landscape when seen from Stanley Road or the surrounding properties in Brook Road and Waterford Lane.
2. In a time of "Climate Emergency" trees (particularly native species) are of great importance.
3. There is no doubt that this tree being a native Oak adds a great deal to the biodiversity of the area. Birds such as Great Tits, Blue Tits, Robins, Blackbirds, Song and Mistle Thrushes, Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Nuthatches nest in the surrounding area and use the insects that feed on this tree as a source of food. Pipestrelle bats are evident around the tree in the summer and are probably using it as a summer roost.
4. There are no other trees in the very immediate vicinity protected by TPOs and as such this tree is important in removing pollutant particulates.
5. As stated above there are no other trees protected by TPOs in the area bounded by Stanley Road, Waterford Lane, Brook Road and Westfield Road. As such this tree is important for its use to offset the adverse impacts that development and environmental change can have in the urban setting.

Developers often say that any tree that is removed will be replaced with a new planting. This does not offset the loss and benefits of a mature tree. I hope that all of my points will be considered carefully in arriving at a decision.

Yours sincerely

Julian Hayes