

7 Lapwing Drive, Totton, Hants SO40 8UH

17 April 2017

Mr P Hocking
Enforcement and Trees Manager
New Forest National Park Authority
Lymington Town Hall
Avenue Road
Lymington SO41 9ZG



Dear Mr Hocking

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. TPO/0021/17
SITE: LAND OF 36 ALDER HILL DRIVE, TOTTON SO40 8JB

Thank you for your letter of 11th April.

My wife and I have lived here for 29 years since our house was built. We like oak trees and think that they should be preserved. However, the tree in question is not, we feel, "an amenity to the local environment" since we have watched it grow into the excessively large tree it is now.

It was, of course, in existence before the house at 36 Alder Hill Drive was built (and ours) but it is now at least twice the height of that house, and of adjacent houses. It lies on the boundary of 36 Alder Hill Drive and it is quite clear that were it to fall in any direction it would cause substantial damage to one or more of the surrounding houses, including our own. We feel that this oak tree is far too large for the modest sized garden in which it is situated and presents a potential danger as outlined above. I should add that the branches are themselves massive and if any were to fall, they could also cause damage.

We are not able to support a TPO, as we see this tree as a potential danger now.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]
K P O'Prey (Mr)