

Ms K Kempsey 35 Alder Hill Drive Totton Southampton SO40 8JB

06 June 2017

Dear Ms Kempsey

Tree Preservation Order No: TPO/0021/17

Site: LAND OF 36 ALDER HILL DRIVE, TOTTON SO40 8JB

Thank you for your letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April concerning the above Tree Preservation Order. I can confirm that the oak is in good health and has no physiological or structural defects which would make this tree unsuitable for protection.

In your letter you raised a number of points objecting to the TPO and I will attempt to address each individual point in the following.

- You state that this tree is damaging the rear garden fence. When I visited the 35 Alder Hill Drive and looked at the tree in the rear garden I did not find any evidence that the tree was directly damaging the fence.
- The TPO does not prevent reasonable routine management and this local planning authority would have no objections to a sympathetic reduction and reshaping of the crown of the tree in the present or future.
- You dispute the amenity of this tree and that its removal would not adversely
  affect the local area. I disagree with this, as the tree is clearly visible from
  Alder Hill Drive and is part of a 'green corridor' of trees that run along the rear
  gardens of Alder Hill Drive. The loss of this tree would have a detrimental
  impact on the local amenity.

I hope this clarifies why the oak tree was protected by a Tree Preservation Order and that I have addressed your concerns. If you wish to maintain your objection to this Tree Preservation Order please inform me in writing by 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 and I will then arrange for your case to be heard by the TPO objections panel which is made up of local councillors who will then determine whether the TPO should be confirmed.

## Yours sincerely

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