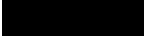


From: 
To: [Hannah Chalmers](mailto:Hannah.Chalmers@...)
Subject: TPO/0021/17 Quercus species in garden of 36 Alder Hill Drive, Totton, SOUTHAMPTON SO40 8JB
Date: 09 July 2017 11:00:11

Dear Hannah

Your email address was passed to me on 2017/04/04 by your colleague Hilary Short.

Thank you for acting to at least provide this beautiful Oak tree with a Stay of Execution. I note the various objections now in the Public Domain from the landowner Mr & Mrs Farminer, together with neighbour Mrs K Kempsey, and an adjoining landowner Mr K P O'Prey.

I am hoping that you will see fit to uphold your issuance of this TPO, given it appears the landowners are requesting a review by an Objections Panel. My 'specific concerns', mentioned in Mrs Farminer's letter of 2017/06/16, are that this mature Oak tree is in no different condition, nor in any different position in relation to domestic properties in the immediate area than similar local Oak trees which are protected by a TPO. Loss of healthy mature trees we I am sure both appreciate cannot in any sense be 'replaced' by replanting, which given the clear dislike of sylvan growth by two of the complainants, including the Farminers, would be unlikely to actually come to fruition, and over which I imagine you would have no legal influence. I have no objection to reasonable crown and / or height reduction, so long as it was done with your sanction under this TPO. You are of course perfectly well aware neither Wood Pigeons (*Columba palumbus*), nor Collared Doves (*Streptopelia decaocto*) are attracted to *Quercus* spp any more than any other common local tree, nor does the presence of *Quercus* have any bearing on the distribution of the Painted Lady (*Vanessa cardui*), its larval foodplant being nettles or thistles, not the Oak.

We are facing an imminent catastrophe to our national tree population with Ash dieback, which I read is estimated could kill 20% of of all UK trees by reducing the Ash population by 80 million trees. To wilfully kill a healthy Oak tree, estimated at 100years old (according to a friend who has studied very small scale local maps of a similar vintage), which with my limited knowledge appears to be a healthy and vigorous specimen, for in my opinion misplaced and spurious reasons, should be prevented at all costs. I trust you will therefore continue in your good work of protecting young mature Oak and other trees for our great great grandchildren to also enjoy.

Many thanks,

Best Regards

