

Billabong

Snails Lane

BH24 3PG

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22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

Dear Mr Hocking

**Re TPO/0031/17**

Thank you for your letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> July inviting me to respond to the TPO placed on the fields south of Snails Lane. As you know these fields are subdivided and the section opposite my house formerly known as lot 3 is owned by Farthing Orchards Ltd of which I am a director.

I would be grateful if you could take into consideration the following points:

- 1 The large mature Poplar trees make an excellent screen for the houses on Snails Lane and I have no intention of cutting them down. However they are very tall and you will notice that the previous owners topped them a number of years ago. I understand this topping leaves Poplar trees with a weak spot and branches may sever at this point causing a danger to individuals and their property.
- 2 The trees are getting so tall that they are in danger of being large enough to fall onto buildings in particular our neighbours house "The Bungalow". I believe they would have difficulties insuring this house if the trees are much taller. It is therefore essential that maintenance on these trees is allowed without the prolonged process of applying for planning permission.
- 3 In the centre of the field there is a copse of poorly maintained trees. On either end of this copse the Willow trees have partly fallen and trunks lie horizontal to the ground. It would seem outside of the purpose of the TPO to expect maintenance of these trees to require special permission.
- 4 In addition there is poorly preserved hedging which could be regarded as trees at the south extremity of the land. Some of these were cut back last year to prevent damage to the electricity lines.
- 5 I appreciate that the land as a whole is subject to a potential change of use to allow development. I am sure all of us who live in the area would wish the mature trees to be an important part of that if it were deemed safe.

Thank you for your consideration in regards to this unnecessary order which simply adds to the efforts required when trying to keep the area preserved.

Yours sincerely



Alan Farthing Director Farthing Orchards Ltd



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09 August 2017

Dear Mr Farthing

**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER No: TPO/0031/17**  
**SITE: LAND AT SNAILS LANE, BLASHFORD BH24 2PG**

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the above Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

I note from your letter that you have several concerns relating to trees within the site at Snails Lane.

I believe that in order to address your concerns it may be suitable to arrange a site visit so that we may discuss each point you raise.

I would appreciate it if you could contact me, using the details below, so that we may find a suitable time and date to meet.

Yours sincerely

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