

New Forest
National Park
Authority



Blue Hayes
Woolmer lane
Blashford
BH24 3PQ

15-6-17

Objection to TPC/0031/17
land at Snailshane Blashford

Dear sir

The reason I object to
the TPC is

1) The area you have drawn
on the map is indiscriminate
and takes no account of
differentiating between
mature trees, oaks etc, which
I agree should be protected
and small young common
and sometimes invasive
trees such as Hawthorn &
Maple

The Hawthorn trees on the boundary of my field need regular trimming to stop encroachment and it would be an ineffective use of time to ^{have to} apply to cut them back, both mine and the tax funded council. These trees are of little or no significance by visual amenity. I would ask that you apply a TPO to the signifiant/native trees individually on this boundary.

2) The TPO outline appears to extend all the way over Snails Lane and Woodner Lane, which means that trees overhanging the roads can not be cut back without permission. This will cause visibility issues and encroachment of foliage into the road.

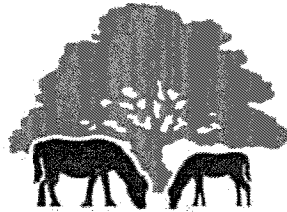
I request again that you consider only those trees of significance/maturity as oppose to a blanket TPO. Or at the very least move the boundary of the TPO to include fields only and not Woolmer Lane & Snails Lane.

3) On the large majority of the land there are no trees at all and I view this as having been given very little consideration as to what you want to protect. This may have meant less work in making the order but will cost much more council office time in the long run, particularly

considering the the site
may never be developed
or at the best case
will probably take years
possibly decades. This
puts the owners of land
with tree boundaries at
a significant disadvantage
when managing their land.
I request that the council
take the time now to
identify more specifically
trees they want to protect
and reduce the TPO area
to either smaller areas
encompassing several trees
or indeed protect
individual trees in their
own right.

Thank you in advance
for considering my points
of objection.

Richard Carpenter
Blue Hayes



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Mr Richard Carpenter

Blue Hayes
Woolmer Lane
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21/06/2017

Dear Mr Carpenter

I am writing in response to the comments you made within your objection letter dated 15/06/2017 regarding TPO/0031/17 Land at Snails Lane.

I will address each point you raised in your letter in order.

Firstly you mention that the area TPO is indiscriminate and takes no account of differentiating between tree species and age range. The New Forest National Park Authority was given notice by New Forest District Council that the land at Snails Lane had been allocated as a potential development site. As the trees within the site had no protection and the threat to the long term retention of the trees is considered foreseeable, premature removal or extensive pruning of the trees would result in the loss of an amenity to the local environment. The Authority, therefore, reacted accordingly. An Area order was deemed to be the most suitable option for tree protection given the limited timescale and large size of the area of land and, as such, protects 'all trees of whatever species'. If the Hawthorn, which you mention in your letter, requires regular maintenance than there are two options going forward in order to alleviate the burden of administration. The first is to establish if the Hawthorn is considered hedgerow or trees. If the group have regularly been maintained as a hedgerow then permission to undertake work will not be required. The second is that if the Hawthorn is considered to be a group of trees then during an application process we will be able to set up a cyclical management plan. This will mean that you obtain permission just once for the management of the trees which will stand for a number of years.

Secondly you state that the TPO outline appears to extend all the way over Snails Lane and Woolmer Lane. The boundary to the TPO follows that of the allocated area that was given to the Authority by NFDC which means that, as you rightly say, some trees that overhang the road will be protected. Works to clear highways may be undertaken by Hampshire County Council. If there are

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any issues with visibility or encroachment you may wish to contact Hampshire Highways by telephone: 03005551388 or email: highways-transport.west@hants.gov.uk. If the owner of the trees wishes to apply for works to clear highways themselves then they would be required to complete an application form (free of charge) in order to gain written permission. The Authority considers works to clear highways reasonable and would therefore likely grant consent. Once a decision notice has been issued works may be undertaken. If the trees overhanging the highway are posing an imminent threat then an emergency works notice can be issued outside of the usual application process.

Finally, in response to the points you raise in part 3 of your letter, please be assured that it is the intention of the Authority to revise the TPO scheme in order to protect trees either as Individuals or Groups at a later date. This often undertaken when an Area order is created under circumstances in which TPO/0031/17 was made.

In summary the aims of the Authority in making this TPO order is to ensure that any potential future development takes place in an appropriate way and to safeguard trees and natural features which are important to the visual amenities of the area.

Please feel free to give me a call on the telephone number or email address below if you require any further information on the matter or to let me know that you are happy for the TPO to be confirmed.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards

Lucy Saunders
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R S Carpenter
Bluehayes
Woolmer Lane
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18 July 2017

Dear R S Carpenter

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

The authority has not heard back from you since a response was sent in reply to your letter concerning the above Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

I therefore trust that our response suitably explains our position and how we have sought to address your concerns. The TPO will therefore be confirmed however if you consider your objection has not been suitably addressed please advise me in writing within 14 days of the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Saunders
Assistant Tree Officer
Tel: 01590646670
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From: Richard Carpenter
To: Trees
Subject: TPO/0031/17 - Land at Snails Lane
Date: 28 July 2017 11:17:15

Dear Lucy,

In response to your letter of 18th July, I still object to the TPO being confirmed due to a number of reasons that NFDC have still not adequately addressed.

The extent of the boundary line covers both Snails Lane and Woolmer Lane (which actually does not accurately reflect the boundary of site R in the draft local plan), however my concern is still about Highway Safety. You suggested in your response to my letter that Hampshire Council would maintain the lanes, however Snails and Woolmer Lane are private lanes and are maintained by residents and land owners.

This means any TPO preventing trees being cut back has potential to cause increased risk to car users, pedestrians and cyclists along the lane due to reduced visibility. I have three young children who regularly walk / ride to our field along the lane and if cutting back the trees isn't easy (and notification to the council in writing is a real barrier for some without email) then people just will stop doing it. This site may never be developed and the TPO could seriously impact the safety on the lanes in the short and longer term. I still think the TPO boundary should not extend across either lane as it has no advantage to protecting the area in question.

You mentioned in our telephone conversation that trees on Highways are exempt to TPOs and that we would be able to maintain the visibility on the lanes, by cutting back branches etc, without notification or permission of NFNP. If so, please confirm this is the case.

Also as discussed, I have part way through a job to fence my field and have been trimming back the Hawthorn trees by about 2ft to regain parts of the field. I would like to be able to continue trimming the Hawthorn trees back without requesting permission, so I can finish the fencing. You suggested this would be allowed as an exemption under this TPO. If so, please confirm this is the case.

If the two issues above, Highway Safety and my ongoing work to the field edge are addressed adequately I will withdraw my objection to the TPO.

Many Thanks.

Regards,

Richard Carpenter



R S Carpenter
Bluehayes
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31 July 2017

Dear R S Carpenter

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

Thank you for your recent telephone call and email concerning the above Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

To clarify the points you raised I can confirm that tree works to clear highways would be considered exempt works.

I am also happy to agree to the following works to trees on your land as below:

1 x Group of Hawthorn trees growing within A1 of TPO/0031/17

- Reduce and reshape selected branches by up to 1 m.

The permission to carry out these works will remain for 2 years from the date at the top of this letter.

I hope that this adequately addresses your concerns. Please contact me to confirm that you are happy to withdraw your objection or if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Saunders
Assistant Tree Officer
Tel: 01590 646670
Email: trees@newforestnpa.gov.uk

From: Lucy Saunders
Sent: 9 Aug 2017 12:16:34 +0100
To:
Subject: Re: TPO/0031/17

Dear Richard

I am writing to you again as I have not heard from you since my previous letter sent on 31/07/2017.

I would appreciate it if you could contact me to let me know that you are happy for the TPO to be confirmed.

If I do not hear from you by 14/08/2017 I shall take this mean you are happy for your objection to be withdrawn.

Please feel free to contact me for any further clarification.

Kind regards

Lucy Saunders

Assistant Tree Officer

Direct Line: 01590 646670

Lucy Saunders

From: Lucy Saunders
Sent: 24 August 2017 13:33
To: 'Richard Carpenter'
Subject: RE: TPO/0031/17

Dear Richard

Yes, you should be contacted shortly with details of how you make your representation and the panel process.

Please let me know if this is not forthcoming.

Kind regards

Lucy Saunders
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From: Richard Carpenter [mailto:richard.carpenter@nfpa.gov.uk]
Sent: 23 August 2017 19:16
To: Lucy Saunders
Subject: RE: TPO/0031/17

Lucy, thanks for letting me know. Would it be possible to make representation at the panel to get across my concerns clearly?

Richard

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: [Lucy Saunders](mailto:lucy.saunders@nfpa.gov.uk)
Sent: 23/08/2017 12:03
To: [Richard Carpenter](mailto:richard.carpenter@nfpa.gov.uk)
Subject: RE: TPO/0031/17

Dear Richard

Due to your ongoing concerns the New Forest National Park Authority have made the decision to take the TPO to panel where members will consider its merits and decide whether the TPO should be confirmed or not.

You will hear from NFDC in due course.

Kind regards

Lucy Saunders
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From: Richard Carpenter [mailto:richard.carpenter@nfpa.gov.uk]
Sent: 16 August 2017 10:35
To: Lucy Saunders; Trees
Subject: Re: TPO/0031/17

Dear Lucy,

Thank you for your letter dated 31st July which I only received on on the 14th of August 2017. It goes some way to addressing one of my concerns although seeing as there are a variety of small trees on the boundary of my field the way in which the TPO has been applied still causes me issues. More critically, however it also seems to completely overlook my primary concerns regarding the boundary of the TPO and the impact it will have on highway safety of cars, cyclists and pedestrians. I copy below the email sent to your department on the 28th July 2017.

I still don't understand why the authority can not survey the trees and protect those which are of significance and importance to the area. I believe these trees would be only a handful across the 20 acre site and all of the issues I have raised in my emails and letters would be addressed adequately. In the longer term this will cause both the authority and the residents of Snails and Woolmer Lane less work which is surely a benefit to all, including the taxpayer. Please could you provide the reason that you can't do this?

On the basis that my initial reasons for objecting to the TPO have not been addressed. My objection still remains.

As I have said previously, I am in support of protecting the trees in the area, but it should be done through an accurate and targeted approach without compromising public safety.

I hope you appreciate my ongoing concerns. I would be happy to meet you on site to discuss my points further.

Regards,

Richard Carpenter

email sent to you on 28th July 2017:

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Many Thanks,

Regards,

Richard Carpenter"

From: Lucy Saunders <lucy.saunders@newforestnpa.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 August 2017 08:17
To: Richard Carpenter
Subject: RE: TPO/0031/17

Dear Richard

Many apologies that you did not receive the letter sent on 31 July, not sure why it failed to reach you.

I have attached it to this email, please let me know your thoughts.

Kind regards

Lucy Saunders
Assistant Tree Officer
Direct Line: 01590 646670

From: Richard Carpenter [<mailto:>]
Sent: 14 August 2017 08:48
To: Lucy Saunders
Subject: Re: TPO/0031/17

Dear Lucy,

I haven't received a response from you regarding my email dated 28th July 2017. Therefore my objection still stands as my concerns have not been addressed. Some of which have respect public safety. If you sent a letter on the 31st July, I didn't receive it.

Please do not just assume that I have withdrawn my objection because I have not responded to you. I have been on holiday and have another one coming up. This is an unfair approach to take as I don't always have access to email during these periods.

I look forward to your response to my email of 28th July.

Regards,

Richard.

From: Lucy Saunders <lucy.saunders@newforestnpa.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 August 2017 11:16

To: richardcarpenter

Subject: Re: TPO/0031/17

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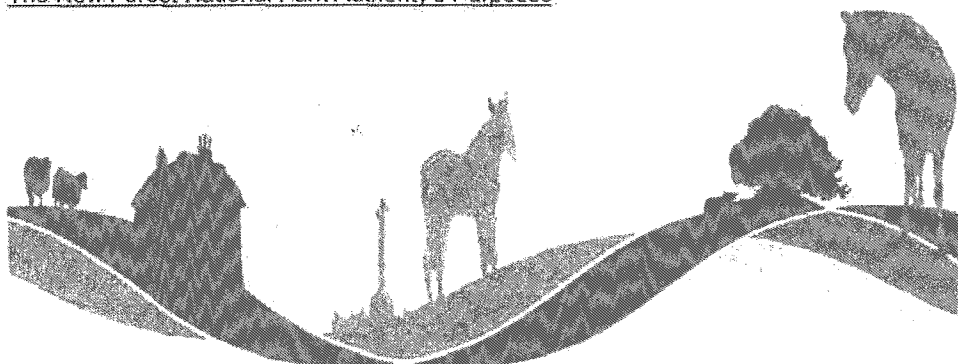
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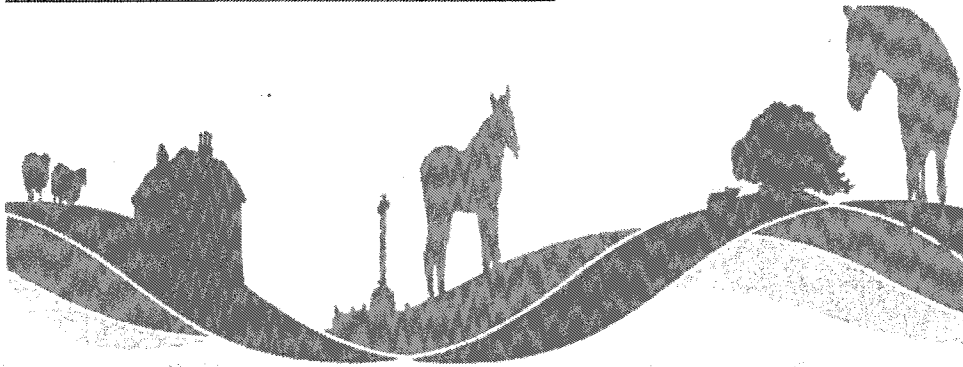
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