

From: Ian McGrath [redacted]
Sent: 25 June 2017 11:56
To: Andrew Herring
Subject: Re: Eco Survey - Land south of Snails Lane.

Andrew

Shortly before I left home I received a letter concerning a proposed TPO on the same land, and forgot to bring the letter with me.

Please could I trouble you to forward this email to the appropriate person, stating my objection to the indiscriminate nature of the TPO. I need to look after the trees on my land including any which overhang Woolmer Lane. The Council should restrict the TPO to particular significant trees, if there are any, on the land and thereby avoid us the bureaucratic nightmare of needing permission to look after our land.

Regards

Ian McGrath

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I & C McGrath
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18 July 2017

Dear I & C McGrath

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 are concerned by the indiscriminate nature of the TPO and how it will require you to seek permission to carry out works to trees.

Firstly I will explain the circumstances upon which the TPO was made.

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'. 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 action is often undertaken when an Area order is created under circumstances in which TPO/0031/17 was made.

A Tree Preservation Order does not prevent work taking place on a tree but it does require consent from the relevant Authority (in this case the New Forest National Park Authority) to ensure that the work is considered to be reasonable.

With regard to TPOs in general and the application process, you may find it helpful to read the booklet about TPOs that was included with your TPO notification.

I therefore trust the above explains our position and how we have sought to address your concerns. The TPO, taking account of my above comments, 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

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From: [Ian McGrath](#)
To: [Trees](#)
Subject: Re: Acolaid Case
Date: 31 July 2017 12:27:02

Dear Lucy

Your response to my letter concerning TPO/0031/17 does not satisfy me in any way.

I realise that Site R may or may not become an approved development site and I can understand that a TPO may well be part of a Planning Approval. Any approval is likely to be years ahead. In the meantime, there is no requirement for a TPO as the individual landowners are quite capable of managing their land any any trees growing on the land.

The TPO extends beyond the boundary of Site R, particularly apparently right across Woolmer Lane. As well as providing access to residences and pasture land, Woolmer Lane is a public footpath. This is a private lane for which the council has no maintenance role and I am responsible for maintaining much of the lane and its surrounding hedges and trees. I frequently need to trim trees and remove dead tree limbs which could otherwise fall across the lane causing damage or injury to my family, the general public or vehicles.

Providing that I have written confirmation of my right to maintain both sides of Woolmer Lane in the interests of personal and public safety, then I have no particular objection to the TPO.

However I still consider it to be another example of the Council seeking control over something which should be left as the responsibility of the people you are meant to be serving, not controlling.

Regards

Ian McGrath

On 18 Jul 2017, at 14:40, "trees@newforestnpa.gov.uk" <trees@newforestnpa.gov.uk> wrote:

Please see attached.



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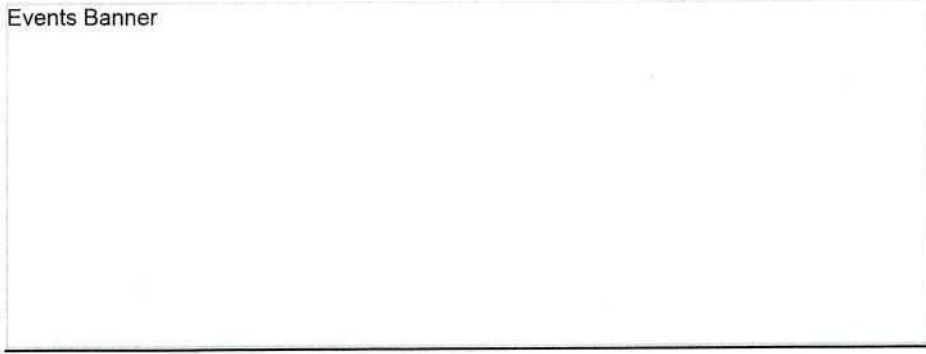
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Ian McGrath
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02 August 2017

Dear Ian McGrath

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).

In response to your concern about the management of trees over Woolmer Lane I can confirm that the removal of deadwood from a tree is considered exempt works and will not require a tree work application in the usual way. The same applies for works to clear trees away from a highway, may I refer you to the TPO guidance booklet enclosed with the original TPO notification.

All the Authority request is that you let us know, either by letter or email, before works are undertaken so that we may notify the general public, should we receive any enquiries.

In regards to the allocated site you may wish to contact New Forest District Council who may be able to discuss the details of potential development with you.

I hope that these points satisfy your concerns. Please respond if you require any further information. If the Authority does not hear from you within 7 days of the date of this letter then I will take that to mean you have withdrawn your objection.

Yours sincerely

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