

16 STONEYCROFT EAST  
KILLINGWORTH VILLAGE  
NEWCASTLE NE12 6YU

RE TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2022, LAND TO THE REAR OF 12 14 AND 16 STONEYCROFT  
EAST, KILLINGWORTH.

DEAR SIR,

I REFER TO YOUR CORRESPONDANCE OF 21/12/22 AND WISH TO COMMENT/OBJECT TO THE  
GRANTING OF THE ABOVE ORDER.

THE APPLICATION WAS TO CUT BACK OVER HANGING BRANCHES WHICH POSE A DANGER  
TO THE ABOVE PROPERTIES, THIS WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE COUNCIL IN THE  
PAST ON AT LEAST 4 SEPARATE OCCASIONS, AS CAN BE SEEN BY THE MARKS ON THE TRUNK  
WHERE BRANCHES HAVE BEEN LOPPED. THE BRANCHES HAVE AGAIN BEEN ALLOWED TO  
ENCROACH OUR PROPERTIES OVERHANGING HABITABLE ROOMS.

FOLLOWING AN EARLIER APPLICATION TO THE COUNCIL WE WERE VISITED BY YOUR  
ARBORIST JOHNATHAN KENNEDY WHO ADVISED ME ,DUE TO LACK OF RESOURCES THE  
COUNCIL COULD NOT UNDERTAKE THE WORK, BUT WAS QUITE HAPPY FOR MYSELF AND MY  
NEIGHBOURS TO HAVE THE OVERHANG CUT AT OUR EXPENCE IF WE WISHED TO DO SO, WE  
ALL AGREED WE WERE PREPARED TO DO THAT BECAUSE OF THE DANGER THE TREES POSED.  
THESE TREES ARE A VARIETY OF POPLAR , WHICH ACCORDING TO THE R.H.S ARE DEFINED AS  
"SHORT LIVED 30 -50 YEARS AND SUSCEPTABLE TO DROPPING LARGE BRANCHES IN BOTH  
DRY AND WINDY CONDITIONS". THE TREES IN QUESTION ARE OVER 30 YEARS OLD AND  
APPROXIMATELY 20/25 METRES HIGH.

IN THE PAST LARGE BRANCHES HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE AND WE HAVE PAID FOR REPAIRS  
OURSELVES, HOWEVER ON THE LAST OCCASION I DID CLAIM FOR DAMAGE WHICH WAS  
SETTLED BY THE COUNCIL WHO OBVIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED BOTH RESPONSIBILITY AND  
LIABILITY.

AFTER OUR APPLICATION THE TREES WERE VIEWED ON A RECENT VISIT FROM A PLANNING  
OFFICER ,VIEWING THEM FROM THE STREET AND DEEMED WORTHY OF A T.P.O. HOWEVER  
TO FULLY APPRECIATE THE INTRUSION OF THE TREES SO NEAR TO OUR HOMES THE  
OVERHANG NEEDS TO BE SEEN FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE (PHOTOGRAPHS ENCLOSED) WHICH  
WAS NOT CONSIDERED IN THE DECISION.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE RATIONAL OF GRANTING A T.P.O. IN THAT " THE  
TREES ARE WORTHY OF PRESERVATION DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION THEY

MAKE TO THE VISUAL AMENITY AND CHARACTER OF THE CONSERVATION AREA". SINCE THE CREATION OF THE ENVIROMENTAL BIODIVERSITY AREA THE TREES WHEN CUT IN THE PAST THE BRANCHES HAVE BEEN LEFT TO ROT AMONG THE WEEDS AND BRAMBLES CREATING AN EYESORE AND IS CERTAINLY NOT THE ENVISAGED AREA LEFT TO "FLOURISH ALLOWING IMPORTANT GRASSES AND FLOWERS TO GROW AND SET SEED AND MOWING WILL TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER" AS IS STATED ON THE N.T.C. WEBSITE.

I ENCLOSE VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH SUPPORT OUR APPLICATION TO HAVE **ONLY** THE OVERHANGING BRANCHES CUT.

IN SUMMARY, WHY HAS A T.P.O. BEEN DECLARED NOW ON THESE TREES WHEN HISTORICALLY THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN PREPARED TO CARRY OUT LOPPING OF DANGEROUS OVERHANGING BRANCHES.

THE COUNCIL HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THESE TREES CAN AND HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE.

THE TREES ARE NOW LARGER AND MORE INVASIVE THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN.

IN ORDER FOR A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THIS SITUATION MYSELF AND MY NEIGHBOURS CAN BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

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11th JANUARY 2023.

INDICATION OF OVERHANGING  
BRANCHES, REAR OF  
16 STONEYCROFT EAST.





INDICATION OF OVERTHANGING  
BRANCHES, REAR OF  
14 STONEYCROFT EAST.



INDICATION OF OVERHANGING  
BRANCHES, REAR OF  
12 STONEYCROFT EAST.

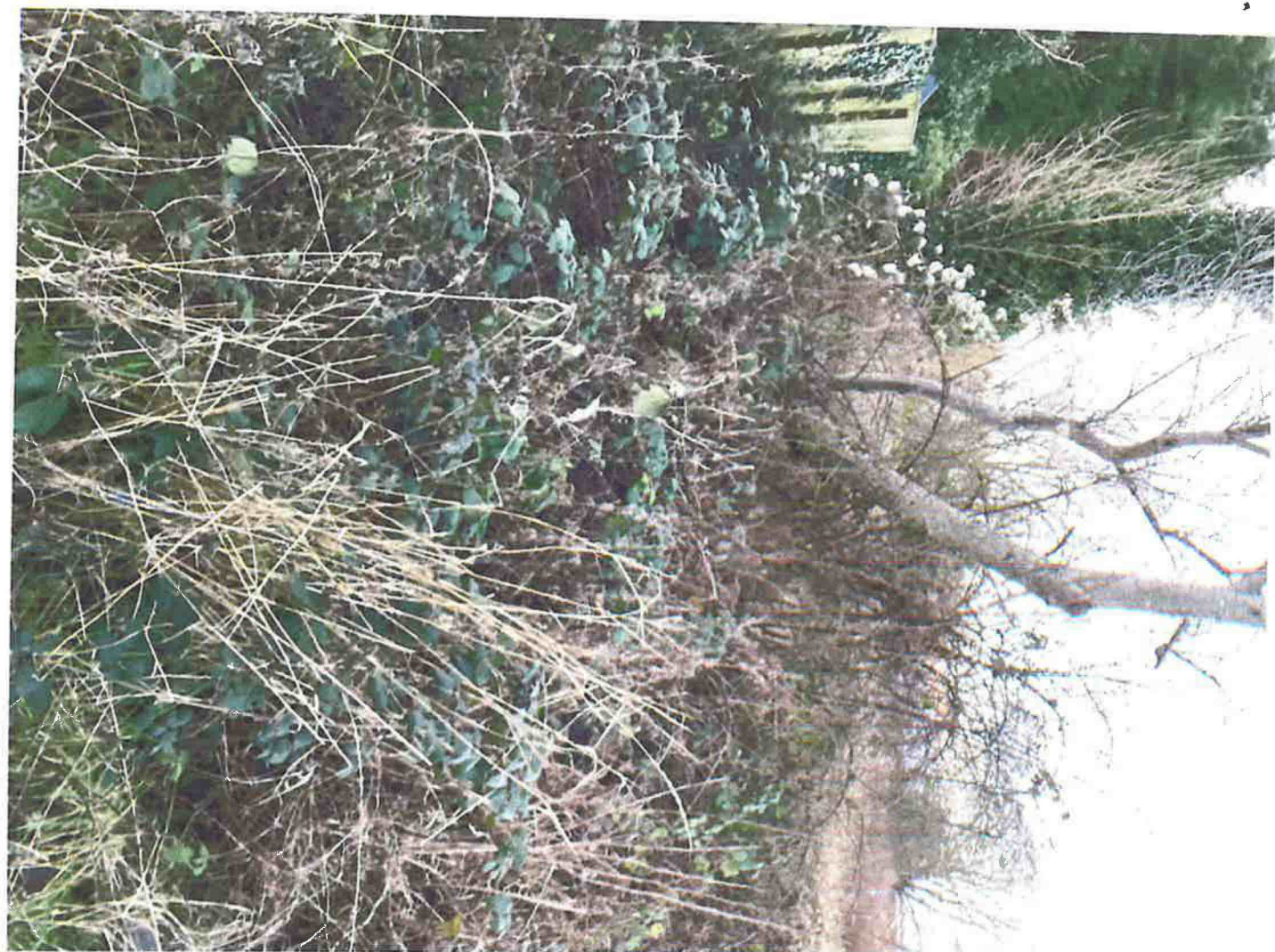




NORTH THAMESIDE COUNCIL  
BIO DIVERSITY AREA TO THE  
REAR OF 16 STONEYCROFT EAST









NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL  
BIO DIVERSITY AREA TO THE  
LEADER OF 12 & 14 STONEHURST  
EAST.







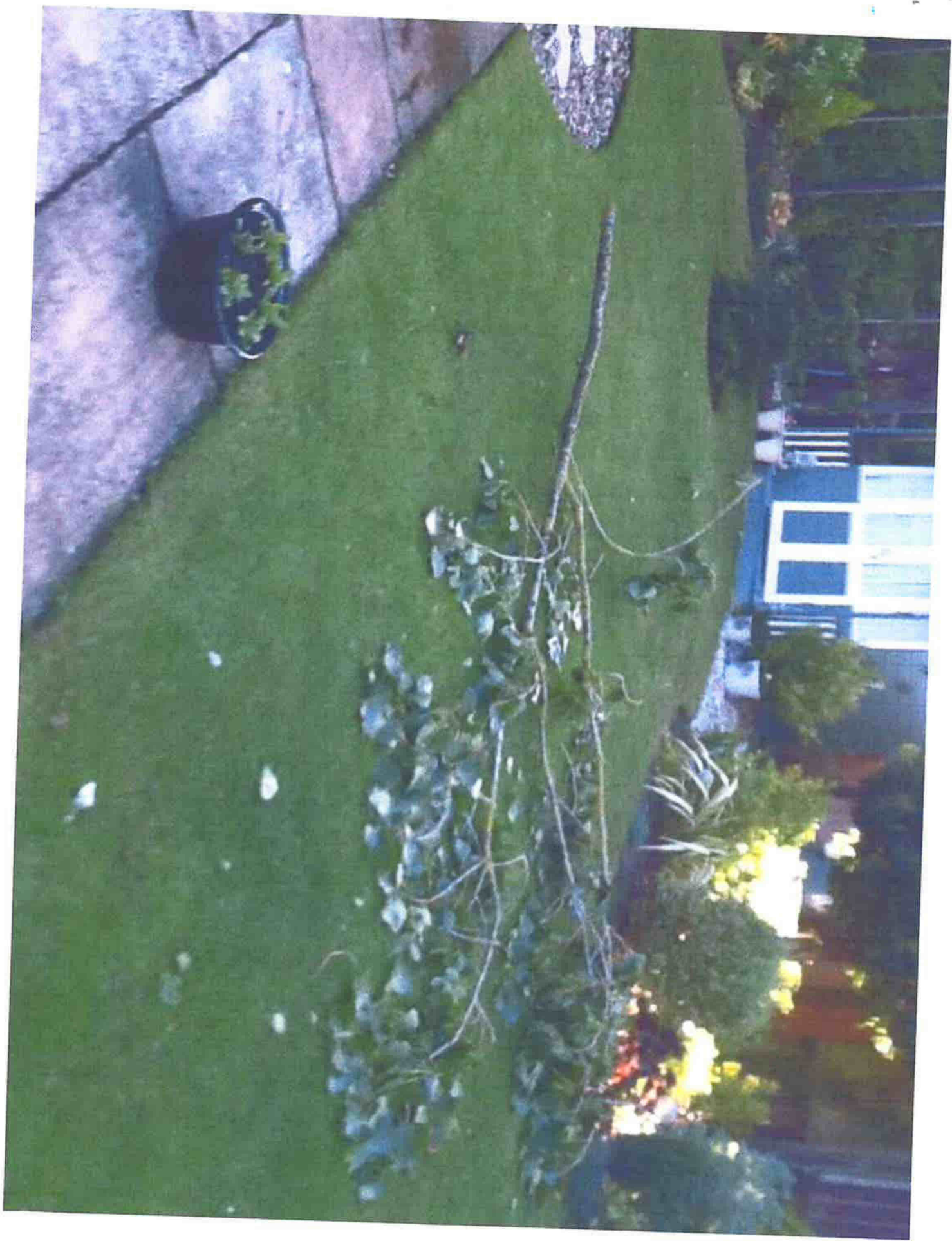
INTERIOR VIEW OF THE  
OVERHANGING BRANCHES  
FROM THE ROAD OF  
16 SENECA STREET EAST.







TYPICAL DEBRIS OF LARGE  
BRANCHES FALLING FROM  
THE TREES TO THE RUIN OF  
IS STONE-CROFT EAST, LANDING.  
APPROX 1 METER FROM  
OUR HOME.







- TREES TO THE REAR OF 16 STONEYCROFT EAST INDICATING WHERE BRANCHES HAVE BEEN LOPPED IN PREVIOUS YEARS BY NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL,
- TREES TO THE REAR OF 12 & 14 STONEYCROFT EAST ALSO HAVE SIMILAR SCARS, EVIDENCE OF PREVIOUS LOPPING BY NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL.