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Subject: Tree Preservation Order - land to the south of Former Deuchars, 5 Backworth Lane (T1, T2, T3, T4,T5 and T6)

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FOA Dave Parkin / Stephen Ballantyne

I would like to formally submit an objection to the Tree Preservation Order - land to the south of Former Deuchars, 5 Backworth Lane (T1, T2, T3, T4,T5 and T6).

1. These 6 trees pose a significant risk to the boundary wall which they are in very close proximity to, cracks in the wall are already appearing due to the roots, if this wall were to fall, it would potentially damage 6 parked cars (two being mine)
2. These 6 trees significantly reduce sunlight reaching my property, Stead Cottage, 5 Backworth Lane, creating a very dull and damp environment. I bought this property last year on the understanding that these trees where in the process of being addressed, if this is not the case, I believe this will have a financial consequence on any potential re-sale in the future.
3. These trees are also causing damage to vehicles and at times of the year I am needing to clean the car daily, attached you will find an example of the car being parked overnight.
4. You state that these trees currently make a "significant contribution to the visual amenity of the area", however due to their location they can only actually be seen by the residents of the Former Deuchars, 5 Backworth Lane, they can't be seen by the public, and also can't be seen by the Golf Club or any adjacent buildings due to their location but are in direct sight from both my living room windows and kitchen patio doors.
5. Stead Cottage and my next-door neighbour Abbey Cottage have small courtyards to the rear of our properties which are directly affected by the lack of sunlight, the tree's leaves, sap and bird faeces this is then directly trodden into the property by both residents and pets.
6. Phone, TV and satellite signal have all been affected by the growth of these trees over the years with other residents confirming this has deteriorated over a period of time consistent with the growth. I work from home several times a Month and despite having the option of two mobile networks my work connectivity is severely affected.

I am really struggling to see how retaining the trees can possibly be beneficial, when you consider the above but in particular the risk/damage to the wall, potential damage to parked vehicles, the reduced quality of light for the residents of the Former Deuchars, 5 Backworth Lane.

Regards


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