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Subject: Objection to TPO

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Dear Sirs/ Madame's

I write to formally object to the Tree Protection Order in relation to The Council of the Borough of North Tyneside (Land to the south of the former Deuchars, 5 Backworth Lane, Backworth) Tree Preservation Order 2023 in its entirety.

I confirm I reside at the rear of the Deuchars building in one of the 2 cottages and as such the trees pose a significant detriment to our quality of life [REDACTED]

I find the Council reasoning for the TPO quite tenuous. "The trees make a significant contribution to the visual amenity and character of the conservation area". The trees are not in direct site of the public areas of Backworth and are only really visible to those at the back of The Deuchars building, which is a private driveway to off street parking. There are further trees within a few meters back from the line of trees within the TPO. These trees would remain and therefore would not cause any detriment to the "visual amenity" the trees pose.

I am a little surprised that just a few weeks prior, a neighbouring property managed to cut down trees within 10s of metres to these trees. I cannot imagine those trees posed as much detriment to quality of life as these ones do. Coupled with the fact that the council also had a number of trees cut down next to the Backworth play park last year, these do not appear to directly relate to the construction of new homes. This feels like we are being penalised for reasons unbeknown to ourselves. How can the decision making vary so significantly within a small locality?

Over the last few years of residing here, the trees have significantly grown. These have caused increasing issues with our mobile phone signal (I cannot reliably get a phone signal when I am on call from home (I work as Doctor, where I am on call for 24 hours (or weekends) at a time) should there be any emergencies that require my input. I have researched this online and can find evidence that trees can impact on phone signal.

Out Sky satellite signal has also deteriorated over the last few years. We now only get signal for certain channels, this is worsened by wet weather where the trees become sodden, further worsening signal.

The tree debris/ sap cause significant detriment to the parked cars below. We have had branches fall off during high winds, landing on the cars. In dry weather, tree sap constantly drops on the cars. I bought a new car this year and I have to wash it several times per week so as not to cause significant damage to the paintwork. We are also using large quantities of screen wash.

The trees cause significant reduction in light to the rear properties. We have to have lights on during even the sunniest of days.

The wall that separates the boundary of the Deuchars property and the Miner's welfare is at significant risk of collapse. This is related to tree roots growing under and into the wall. The wall has already had remedial work done, but been quoted Thousands of pounds to potentially rebuild if the wall has further damage. If there is further deterioration in the wall, there is a risk of the wall falling into the parked cars, which could cause significant claims. If the wall collapses and parking becomes unmanageable, then cars will likely have to park on Backworth Lane, which may have an impact on traffic through the village (especially at rush hour).

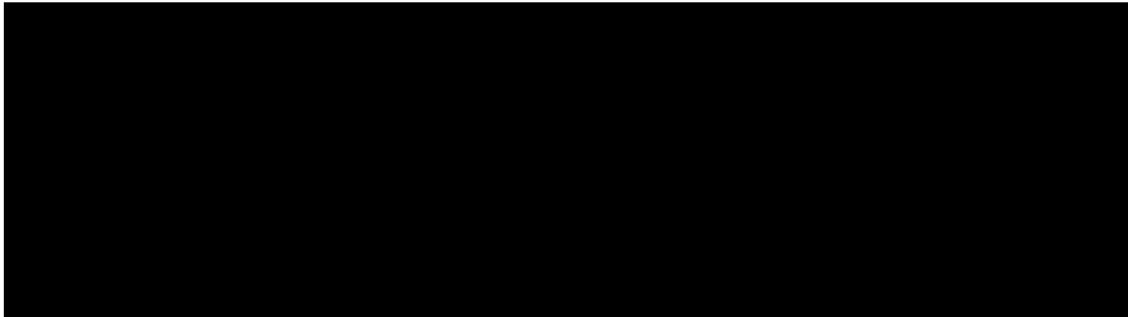
The Deuchars building does not have a garden as such. We do not have access to a garden waste bin, nor should we with only a small yard and parking area. Yet we have to pay a share of several Hundred Pounds per year to pay a gardener to sweep leaves. During Autumn into Winter, the burden of leaves falling from these trees is enormous. The leaves have blocked the drains before and cause a significant degree of slippiness to the block-paved area. In 2015, the fire brigade were called out during heavy rains because of the blocked drains causing a build up of water in the dropped patio areas. The water was streaming through the wall where holes have been made by tree roots coming through the wall.

I am disappointed the council submitted this TPO without directly coming to chat to ourselves [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where the impact of the trees is most apparent. In my line of work, it is imperative to communicate decisions that have a direct impact on key stakeholders rather than receive paperwork in the post.

In Summary, I am officially submitting an objection to the TPO in its entirety as I believe the reasoning to be tenuous, with mitigating factors (ie a line of trees not far behind that will remain) and the impact it has on

our quality of life (light, phone/ TV signal, deleterious impact of sap onto cars/ clogging of drains/ impact on boundary wall).

Yours sincerely



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