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Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 2:44 PM
To: Dave Parkin <Dave.Parkin@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: Tree damage

EXTRNL

Hello Dave, Stephen,

We are hereby raising an objection to your proposal to place a number of TPO,s on 6 Sycamore trees over looking the Deuchars Development.

You will be in receipt of a comprehensive structural report from Alan Holmes (Surveyor) dated January 2022 which identified that the trees were having an impact on the structural integrity of the wall which is the boundary wall of The Backworth Miners Institute and Golf Club.

Here is an overview as of today 7.8.23 a visual overview of its current condition,

- 1/ There are now 12 visible cracks in this wall from the boundary of Stead Cottage to our Bin area, there are further substantial cracks from the bins to DJ Installations, the vast majority commence from the base of the wall.
- 2/ We have root ingress through the wall in 15 places.
- 3/ We now have lvy ingress through the wall.
- 4/ The nearest tree is less than 30 cm from the wall the furthest 2 metres.
- 5/ There is a substantial lean angle both North and South.

Your proposal states that the trees offer a significant contribution to a visual amenity and add to the character of the conservation area, apart from T1 which is only visible briefly via our car park access, none of the others do to anyone either walking down Backworth Lane or from the Green field some 50 metres away in a southerly direction.

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It is a basic human right to enjoy the benefits of sunshine and the positive impact it has on both physical and mental health , from September through until April we enjoy none of these benefits.The sun never gets above those trees and through the months of May through until September we only receive for a limited time of the day, after mid morning until early evening at best.

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We are unable to receive any any terrestrial TV signal at all this is after relocating the Ariel , raising it on a taller pole and using amplification to expand the signal, Satellite Signals are also impeded by those trees.

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Unlike Oak and Beech, Sycamore trees do not harbour the same amount of life apart from one and that's Aphids

they are on that variant of tree in their Millions.

From April until the end of July all residents have to run the gauntlet of droplets of Aphid POO landing on them, all cars are covered in that sticky mess as are our refuse bins.

Window screens need to be washed on a daily basis, cars sometimes 3 times a week, paintwork on all vehicles are suffering significant damage.

At the bottom you will see pictures of just one vehicle and the damage that is being caused by these trees and the infestation of Aphids.

We also suffer during periods of high winds branches falling on vehicles and a lot of Pigeon Faeces deposited on our cars and bins as they roost causing further additional damage.

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Mobile phone signals are impacted.

To conclude if we are unable to remove the trees the wall will ultimately collapse, resulting in potential consequences for residents as well as their parked vehicles, Insurance companies either the estate insurance provider or residents insurers are likely to hold liable the trustees of the golf club and North Tyneside Council.

You mention on Page 6 of the correspondence you sent to all of us the distance these trees are approximately between 12 and 17 metres from our development, they are not our development commences at the base of the wall.

Notwithstanding our objection to your proposal I would like to bring the following to your attention.

Mid 2022 [REDACTED] Tree Surgeons conducted the following works on mature Beech trees they felled one mature tree and took 21 substantial branches off others, the area in question is adjacent to a small exclusive development of large detached properties and the now demolished primary school.

I approached Peter Slegg council planning about these works and whether they had approval, he advised me that no such authorisation had been given.

Fast forward to June 2023 further additional works were conducted at the same site, a further 2 mature assume Beech Trees were removed and an additional 16 branches off adjacent Oak and Beech, as I did not contact Peter this time I cannot confirm whether approval had been granted.

You are claiming that the 5 trees we wish to remove and T1 trimmed are a visual amenity, they are not, The trees, branches removed in the paragraphs above are to anyone who uses that green space, Archers, Scout group's, dog walkers, golf players etc.

These works have been conducted for the following reasons aesthetic and cosmetic, I can only conclude that they they were authorised by residents of that estate though this maybe just conjecture, speculation.

What is obvious is that they weren't conducted for either the structural integrity of those houses or the physical or mental wellbeing of those residents as the trees in question are over 30 metres away.

To see the impact T1 to T 6 are having we would like to invite you both to attend the site and meet the residents of the Deuchars Development at our convenience, it would have to be After 6 pm to ensure attendance as not all residents work from home.

I will also send a copy of this recorded delivery marked for your attention.

Regards

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Tree damage

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 1 August 2023 18:33

To: [REDACTED]

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