

Appendix A (Report PES/396) - Representations Received

From Landowner (Sent 18 October 21)

Dear Mr Spurrell,

Please see below our responses to the TPO placed on the trees on nest to the Tweed.

We firstly would like to point out that we heard nothing from CBC until the 16/9/21, which was the very day that this TPO was placed, despite the application being received and registered on 9/8/21.

You will also note that on Monday 4/10/21 a very large oak tree fell across the power lines to the rear of our plot and UKPN have had to carry out emergency works to make safe.

We now consider our proposals urgent due to the number of broken damaged limbs suspended directly over a public footpath, as well as numerous dead limbs in the oak tree T1 on the map (Clive Mayhew arb report) which has the telephone cables passing immediately through the crown.

We object the TPO being applied to various trees on the site, and having had an extensive arboricultural report carried out by The Mayhew Consultancy in October 2020 believe that it should not apply to the following trees.

I quote all tree numbers from the Mayhew consultancy map.

T1 Oak, numerous dead limbs overhanging a public footpath, in need of deadwooding, and removal of limbs in direct conflict with the telephone cables to Tweed cottages.

T3 Oak, this has been classified in the Mayhew report as a grade c tree, with a life expectancy of less than 10 yrs, is growing with a very uneven crown and has limbs that frequently drag across the tiled roof of the existing carport. We have applied to remove this tree. By removing this tree T2 & T4 should thrive.

T5 Ash, evidence of dieback highly visible and significant. This tree has a life expectancy of less than 10yrs due to the presence of dieback, frequently it sheds limbs. It will conflict with the new dwelling. We have applied to remove this tree.

T7 Ash, evidence of dieback very visible, as well as significant rot up to 400-500 mm deep in one particular hole at approx head height. Sheds limbs.

T10 Ash, this tree is now leaning significantly into our plot and poses a real threat.

In strong winds this tree sways notably, with a very uneven crown, it dropped a large limb approx 5 weeks ago and ash dieback is very clear.

When we discussed this tree after you placed the TPO, you were in agreement that it was leaning significantly into the plot and did pose a threat, even more so once the proposed dwelling is built. It has also caused a significant crack in the concrete base of [neighbour's] shed to the rear. The Mayhew consultancy regard this as a class C tree. We have applied to remove this tree.

We are happy to replace the trees we propose to remove, sorbus aucuparia would be a viable alternative and can accommodate them off site in [neighbour's] land too.

There are also significant damaged limbs caught up in the Carpinus to the front of our plot, one in particular has snapped off and is hung up, whilst there are other dead standing stems which pose a threat. Tweed Lane is itself a public footpath and we feel it is now urgent that this is dealt with very soon. Doing nothing for several more weeks is not an option, people and property could be injured or damaged if limbs were to fall.

I posted the 'works to TPO trees' paperwork on September the 17/9/21, in the drop box at the front of the CBC building. Yet I heard nothing until today from one of your colleagues saying that the paperwork had just landed on her desk (Mandy Graves). I have made phone calls and left messages but none have been returned.

We hope this situation can be dealt with urgently and not just ignored until the last day.

Action is required urgently as we approach winter and the weather worsens.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours faithfully

From Neighbour

Sent: 13 October 2021 20:30

To: Trees, Protected <[ProtectedTrees@Crawley.gov.uk](mailto:ProtectedTrees@ Crawley.gov.uk)>

Subject: Provisional Tree Preservation Order No 06/2021

Dear Russell,

Further to your visit to The Tweed and your letter dated 15th September, we are writing to set out our objections to a TPO being placed on the common ash ref T10 on the plan enclosed with your letter. You will recall at the time of your visit on 15th September, we discussed the state of the tree and we pointed out the following issues:

1. The tree is growing out of the side of the bank of a drainage ditch and you commented that such a position could lead to the tree sinking further into the ditch thus exacerbating the existing lean.
2. We drew your attention to the fact that strong gale force winds cause the tree to sway into the existing lean such that the trunk, when measured at 1.5m above ground, moves by approx. 5cm.
3. The reinforced concrete floor of the existing wooden workshop situated on the west side of the tree is evidencing an east west crack directly in line with the tree.
4. The tree is clearly suffering from ash die back and is already shedding limbs in severe weather.

In view of the above, you concluded that the tree was not a worthy specimen and is already in a dangerous condition. We are therefore following your advice and writing to you setting out our objections to the TPO and requesting permission to fell the tree.

In view of the 20th October deadline stated in your letter of 15th September, would you be kind enough to acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards

From Neighbour

Sent: 18 October 2021 15:34

To: Trees, Protected <[ProtectedTrees@Crawley.gov.uk](mailto:ProtectedTrees@ Crawley.gov.uk)>

Subject: The Crawley Borough Council The Tweed Tree Preservation Order No.06/2021

I am writing regarding the proposed TPOs on land adjacent to our property at 1 Tweed Cottages, Tweed Lane, Ifield, Crawley.

My comments/objections are as follows:

Tree nos. T3, T5, T6, T7

Due to the position of these trees in relation to our garden we suffer from a large amount of shade in the latter half of the year, so I see no reason why these trees cannot be topped, if necessary, without any detriment to them. In fact T5 is suspected to have Ash die-back.

T2 is very much our concern as it is a very large double-trunked Sycamore very close to the boundary. In fact there is a bough which overhangs our garden which could do damage to our garage if it came down.

Regards