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THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL (BASSETT GREEN ROAD - WILLIS ROAD) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (Nº. 595) 2013

Dear Sirs,

I wish to register my objection to the above Order made on 5 July 2013, on a provisional basis, and continuing in force on this basis for a further six months or until the Order is confirmed by the Council, whichever is earlier.

The particular tree I am objecting to is identified on the map as T2 Lime situated in front garden of 20 Bassett Green Road.

My reasons to object, and I have the full support from my neighbours, is its height and very close proximity to our houses (10 metres). Also the unpleasant traits which characterise a lime tree - the continuous debris of pollen, seed pods and leaves falling from April - November. The problem is compounded in high summer when aphids, which are especially attracted to lime trees, produce a sticky, honey-like sap which then falls to the ground covering everything under the tree's canopy.

How you considered that this tree should be protected as its loss would have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the area and the enjoyment by the public is beyond me. Those comments would, I suggest, have been made by someone without the practicality of residing beside a lime tree. Because in my opinion, and of my neighbours, it has just the complete opposite effect, making the area look shabby and untidy.

I hope the Council will take note of my reasons to object to the Order and I

would welcome a visit from a Member of the Council, responsible for implementing this Order or otherwise, before any decision is made. This would enable the Member to witness first hand how antisocial this protected lime tree is and the sheer frustration and annoyance it causes.

Yours faithfully

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