

Attn: James Palmer

Dear Mr Palmer,

I'd like to object to the Tree Preservation Order that has recently been provisionally placed on the Ash tree (T1 on the map) on my property.

At the outset let me make it clear that my intention has always been to replace this nuisance tree with another tree of a different species (I'm thinking of an apple, pear or cherry tree).

This particular tree was, I believe, planted some years ago by the son of a previous owner of this property and was not part of the original plan or design envisaged by Herbert Collins when the Ethelbert Avenue Estate was built. It is not particularly visible from the road and, being surrounded by private gardens I do not believe it's replacement with a fruit tree would have "a detrimental impact on the amenity of the area and the enjoyment by the public".

In fact I believe that the replacement of this Ash tree with a fruit tree would be of benefit for not only the local wildlife with it's flowers in Spring and harvest of fruit before the lean Winter months, but would also benefit the local residents with it's attractive blossoms in Spring and lower height allowing more light into neighbouring gardens and lack of dense overhanging foliage in the Summer months.

I have been under pressure from neighbours for some time to have this tree replaced (or at the very least reduced in height) with one neighbour in particular actually suffering a fairly significant injury whilst attempting to remove overhanging branches which were impacting the enjoyment of their garden. I have canvassed my neighbours regarding the replacement of this tree and have not encountered any objections, rather there is a feeling that this tree is a nuisance for various local residents.

I hope you can appreciate that I do not wish to remove 'trees' as such - just this particular nuisance tree! I am more than happy for any planning permission granted to be conditional upon the planting of a replacement (preferably fruit) tree.

I am quite open to having a chat face to face regarding this issue and can make myself available if you wish to visit and inspect the tree in question with it's surrounding area. I am also available should you wish to discuss this or request any additional information by phone on xxxxxx.

The same comments apply to another local tree under T2-621 but I will write under separately regarding that issue.

I would be interested in your thoughts and look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Regards