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8th July 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015, reference T2-631.

We are appealing against the TPO notice on Area W1 as per TPO Ref: T2-631, in particular the group of trees along the boundaries of the Residential properties of [REDACTED] Munro Crescent, "Munro Crescent Residences" on the grounds of Tanners Brook Infant & Junior Schools, "The Schools" with the Planning Authority of Southampton City Council, "The Council"

These trees were planted circa 2000 (See Google Earth Historic Information circa 1999, 2007 and 2014 – copies enclosed). We were expecting these trees to be managed as they grew, especially as having been planted so close to the residential boundaries. This has not happened apart from some volunteer ground clearance we did see one year so take there is regular ground clearance as the Area is used by the Schools' pupils.

The Trees have been left to grow unmanaged apart from some yearly pruning being done on our side of the boundary as the tree branches year on year growth of a metre or more rapidly cross our boundary fence and become a Risk issue with damaged overhanging branches when we are in our gardens.

Due to the height these trees have now reached this has become impossible for us to control and we have also become concerned with the heavy swaying of these trees, particular in the last few months with the strong winds.

Please find enclosed Photos taken on the 7<sup>th</sup> July to show some idea of the current claustrophobic affect that Area W1 has on the Munro Residences.

To Summarise, we object to TPOs under Ref: T2-631 and any of these Trees in W1 as:

- They will prevent the neighbouring Property Owners of Munro Crescent Residences from doing any emergency or remedial pruning without fear of prosecution and fines.
- It puts an unnecessary additional regulatory barrier and probable conflict of interest, to request the Council, taking them to be the owners of these trees, to do additional pruning/crown reduction to bring these trees back to a manageable size, especially with them in their current state.
- The Trees were planted circa 2000, without any due consideration to the Munro Residences properties and their future growth. Requested maintenance reports (enclosed) for the Schools show no maintenance works have been done on these trees under the W1 area.

We believe to ensure they remain a benefit for the Schools and the Munro Residences and have been allowed to grow unwieldy contrary to Good Tree Management, which seems to be a requisite for a Tree Preservation Order.

- Protecting Area designated W1 as a woodland will reinforce our concerns of automatic TPO protection for unregulated sapling growth and tree renewal in this area to the detriment of the Munro Residences if left to grow as per the current non-existent maintenance programme.

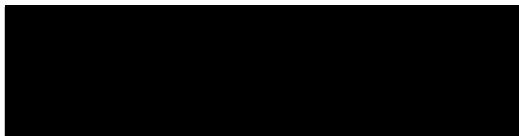
We also generally object to all trees under Ref: T2-631 with pending TPO on the Schools property as:

- We also object to the principal of TPOs on any trees owned by the Council on Council property as they already have ownership control and control of the Tree Management and would have thought as part of Council Policy if a tree became diseased or damaged it would have plans to manage or replace it. As a TPO is to prevent a Tree Owner from malicious Tree Management then is the Council expecting them to not follow to their own Tree Management Policy.

Can we also put on record, our thanks to Sarah Kiss and Ian Miller for their helpful and prompt providing of Information and General Questions of the Council's Tree Management System (STORM) and their Policy on Tree Management, so we could better understand the Council's policy on Trees. It does show that Southampton City Council has a robust and professional Tree Management System which we would hope would mean better Management of Trees without Tree Preservation Orders.

We will be subsequently writing to the Council about the Tree Management of the Trees in W1 with the aim for the Council and the Schools to significantly reducing the height and spread of these trees so that they can happily coexist with the Schools and the Munro Crescent Residences.

Yours Faithfully,



Attachments:

3 Photos from  Munro Crescent as at 07/07/2015

3 Copies from Google Earth Pro of Munro residences Circa 1999, 2007 & 2014

Copy of Site History Report for Schools covering 01/01/04 - 30/06/15

Copy of Tree History Report – Risk covering Area W1 (Ref: 2,095.00) – Page 170 of 177 – 29/06/15

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MUNRO CRESCENT RESIDENCES : VIEW OF AREA W1 : CIRCA 1999

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MUNRO CRESCENT RESIDENCES ; VIEW OF AREA W1 : 19/4/2007

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MUNRO CRESCENT RESIDENCES: VIEW OF AREA W1: 15/4/2014

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MUNRO CRESCENT, VIEW OF AREA: W1

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