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Dear Sarah Kiss,

Following on from your letter dated 17th May 2016 (Ref T2-648), my wife and I would like to formally object to the Tree Preservation Order that has been proposed for the Thuya Plicata on our front western boundary line.

I would like to apologise for the tardiness in my writing. A number of personal issues have arisen since we received the Preservation order which have, unfortunately, delayed our response.

Our reasons for objecting the order, are as follows:

- The root structure is damaging the drive and miniature walls and could also have stretched to under the garage – impacting on the foundations.
- It blocks an enormous amount of light from both ours and especially our neighbour's property (I believe that they have also objected).
- A select number of birds use it for shelter, which in itself isn't a problem, but as the branches over hang the drive, a large quantity of bird droppings can regularly be found on our car and drive. This also affects guests who use our drive (you can imagine that they're not best pleased!).

I appreciate that that the last reason is a tad comical, but the damage that the droppings are causing to the paintwork is only being prevented by daily (often twice daily) manual intervention.

And although the droppings on the drive do provide a fun game when exiting the car, this is also getting rather tiresome!

Yours in hopeful understanding,

Mr Leigh Payne

