

Appendix 4

Dear Sir,

Provisional Tree Preservation Order 2022 – Woolston Infant School

Thank you for your letter and formal notice with regards to the above Tree Preservation Order dated 21/06/2023.

As stated in your letter, I write to make an objection towards this order, that meet regulation 4 of The Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 2012.

The objections that we, as a school, have are towards the following trees, T2,T3,T5 and T6 which were highlighted on the map.

T2 and T3 which are located adjacent to the playground and main pathway which parents and children use to access the school. These trees are currently lifting the tarmac both to the pathway and also the outside play area which is used by our youngest members of the school in the preschool. The damage that has already been caused has meant this area has had to be restricted as it currently is a risk to the 3 and 4 year old children who use this area.

T5 and T6 are located at Southern end of the boundary adjacent to Obelisk Road. These trees are having a detrimental impact on the way we are able to use the playground area due to the risk they possess. The roots have cracked the tarmac and there are numerous sufficient cracks in the playground which we have had to cordon off. There have been numerous minor incidents where children have tripped on the cracking tarmac, resulting in cuts and grazes. There has also been a major incident where one child has fallen over the lifted tarmac resulting in a broken limb. In response, I did receive a letter from concerned parents in regards to this incident and the safety of the playground.

All the trees, including those mentioned above, have been managed by the school effectively to date without the requirement for a TPO and it is not considered that anything has changed that necessitates additional control now being imposed.

The blanket TPO will affect the school's ability to undertake tree work where appropriate without submitting an application for consent. This places an unreasonable burden on the owners of the site and additional costs in managing the land/site.

There is also evidence to suggest that T5 and T6 have affected the boundary wall behind the trees. This poses a huge risk to the school community with the wall in potential danger of falling into the school grounds, putting all school users at risk.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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