

**From:** \*\*\*\*

**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 2:52 PM

**To:** \*\*\*\*

**Subject:** For the attention of \*\*\*\*

Dear \*\*\*\*,

With regards to your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> of October in which you have raised an objection to the making of a tree preservation order to protect trees at the property, I am contacting you to give you in relation to this letter.

The council received contact from a resident within the building asking if the trees are protected as they are damaging the property. The council had no information supplied that would demonstrate that the trees are causing damage and knowing that they were under threat, it issued a tree preservation order to prevent the felling of the trees. The order is originally temporary for 6 months and can be revoked at any point within this time if it is demonstrated that to continue with the protection of the trees, would not be appropriate.

I note that you say that you are having surveys undertaken and are willing to share this with the council. It would be very useful to see what the report details, so the council are able to make an informed decision.

One comment I would like to make relates to tree roots in drains. When this occurs, it points to an issue with the drain and not an issue with the tree. Tree roots are not able to detect water within a drain but will follow the water table within the soil. Therefore, when a drain leaks and this raises the water content in the soil, the roots follow this and enter the broken area of the drain. I would advise that if you are experiencing root ingress into the drains, then you may have localised damage that can be repaired.

Once we have the information that you have kindly said you would supply, this can be reviewed, and a decision issued as to what the position of the council is. If it decides to continue with the protection of the trees, the matter will go to a panel of councillors to review and issue a decision on whether the council can confirm the order.

One last thing is to ask what trees you are objecting to. Is this for all the trees or for one or two of them?

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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**From:** \*\*\*\*  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 9:58 AM  
**To:** \*\*\*\*  
**Subject:** FW: For the attention of \*\*\*\*

Dear \*\*\*\*,

Thank you for your email, I can confirm that we would like to object to all the trees. I have instructed a structural engineer and await reports from the tree surgeon and drain survey. As soon as I have all of these reports, I will forward to you for consideration.

Kind Regards

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**From:** \*\*\*\*  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 10:26 AM  
**To:** \*\*\*\*  
**Subject:** RE: For the attention of \*\*\*\*

Dear \*\*\*\*,

Many thanks for confirming the position of \*\*\*.

The order has a provisional 6-month date and therefore will expire on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Within these 6-months, I can review information supplied and, if necessary, take the matter to a Planning & Rights of Way panel meeting.

At this meeting, elected members review the information and the Tree Preservation Order and vote on whether the council can confirm the order with an objection. This is a public meeting, and you would be invited to attend and given the opportunity to put your case forward to the panel.

There is a fair amount of time left before the report would have to be written, therefore I will await to see the outcome of the reports before any further decisions are made.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards,

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