

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: The Southampton (27 Highfield Crescent) Tree Preservation Order 2024 - Objection
Date: 29 October 2024 11:28:00

Dear [REDACTED]

Please accept my apologies for the improper use of title, I did not intend offence.

I do not feel that I am not unwilling to engage nor have I dismissed alternative means of securing interest, out of hand. I simply cannot see an alternative way of ensuring the proper management and protection of these trees without formal protection under the TPO. The facts are: that there is an intention to sell the property, two trees on the property have been assessed as suitable for protection and if the Order is not confirmed, these two trees will not be protected should new owners decide to remove them. Therefore it would be a dereliction of my duty as a Tree Officer, not to protect the trees in the interests of the public.

If you believe that there is a suitable alternative, that would adequately secure the trees management and be less intrusive, I would urge you to share this with me and I would be happy to consider it.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am disappointed at the Council's unwillingness to engage in constructive discussion, given the discretionary nature of TPO orders.

You have dismissed out of hand looking at alternative means which could secure

both interests.

I am sorry that this has to go to committee with the resultant loss of privacy as to my parents' situation.

Please also note that I am not [REDACTED]. That is my mother. I am happy to be addressed as [REDACTED] or as [REDACTED] if formality is needed.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 29 Oct 2024, at 10:33, [REDACTED]
wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

When assessing the potential impact to the value of the property, the letter from your parents Estate Agent suggests that they consider the presence of the trees , not just the TPO, to be a negative factor and affect the potential value. Only those trees which were deemed suitable, offered the most amenity value to the local area and were not considered as restrictive to future development were protected, with others not meeting these criteria being omitted from the Order.

I believe this to be a balanced response to protect both the local amenity whilst also recognising your parents' specific concerns and in regards of their Human Rights.

As my previous assessment has shown, we consider the trees suitable for protection and do not consider there are less intrusive means of securing proper management of the trees. If the land were to be sold, the only way to secure proper management of trees, at the point of sale, is through the statutory protection of a TPO.

As it has not been possible for us to move past these points in agreement, I will now bring the matter to the next available Planning Rights of Way meeting. Details of this will be shared with you in due course and you will be invited to attend should you wish to.

A link to the relevant section of our website can found below which has details and procedures about the meeting.

[Browse meetings - Planning and Rights of Way Panel](#)

If you have any question regarding this please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Sent: 28 October 2024 09:30

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: The Southampton (27 Highfield Crescent) Tree Preservation Order 2024 - Objection

Dear [REDACTED]

As I'm sure you expect, neither my parents nor I consider your response has adequately addressed the objections in relation to the trees themselves or other arguments.

In particular, the human rights assessment does not take it into account the specific facts and weigh the balance appropriately as it relies on generic assertions which are not in dispute.

I would be happy to engage further with the Council to secure proper management of the trees through less intrusive means prior to committee as this could address your concerns.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Oct 2024, at 08:26, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

Further to my email, dated September 20th 2024 and regarding my considerations of your objection to the TPO detailed above. I do not appear to have received a response advising whether you wish to uphold or withdraw your objection.

I hope that you have been able to consider my response and I would be most grateful if you could indicate your preference and return the attached form. I can then take the matter forward as appropriate.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of**
Trees

Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 10:24 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: The Southampton (27 Highfield Crescent) Tree Preservation Order 2024 - Objection

Dear [REDACTED]

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town And Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 2012
The Southampton (27 Highfield Crescent) Tree Preservation Order 2024

Please find attached my initial response to your objection,

received on 5th August 2024 and on behalf of your parents, to the above Tree Preservation Order (TPO). This includes my response to the tree report submitted by [REDACTED], on 2nd August 2024, on behalf of your parents.

I have considered both, alongside my own assessments, and have set out my responses in a systematic way which, I hope, deals with all the points raised, including a rationale of how I came to protect the trees in the first instance.

If you think a site meeting would be beneficial, I am happy to do so but understand if that is not practical and that it is perhaps not essential in this case.

You have informed us that information regarding [REDACTED] is special category data and must be protected under GDPR; also requesting that the valuation figures from the estate agents is not to be disclosed. We accept our GDPR obligations and agree not to disclose valuation figures should the matter be presented at a committee meeting. However, the sale of the property and potential delays to this forms part of your objection and I have therefore addressed the matter in this response. This potential change of ownership would also form part of my report should the matter be presented at a planning meeting.

Currently the tree preservation order is temporary and cannot be made permanent (Confirmed) if there are objections to the making of the order, therefore if you are not satisfied with my response and wish to uphold your objection, then the matter must be presented to a panel of elected member at the Planning & Rights of Way panel.

This is a publicly held meeting in which your objection would be presented along with my report that details the reasoning behind the making of the TPO along with my responses to objections received. You will be invited to this meeting and will be given an allotted time to put your objection across to the members of the panel. Once all representation has been heard, the member will vote on whether the council should confirm the order.

I have enclosed a form that I would respectfully ask that you complete and return to this office to either declare that you have no further objection to the above order or wish to have the matter put forward at the next available planning and rights of way panel meeting.

Thank you for your patience whilst I have considered this matter and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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