



Ss Peter and Paul Church

Salters Hall, Salters Lane, Newport,
Shropshire, TF10 7LB
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Your Ref TPO129

November 26, 2014

Re APPEAL AGAINST TPO 129

1) The large size of the tree in relation to its position close to other buildings and structures

The tree has grown too big and too tall for the position it occupies in an enclosed location close to a high perimeter wall, footpath and Grade II Listed Buildings and is responsible for damage.

Roots Damage

The tree roots caused expensive historic damage to the former brick path providing public access to the Church from the gate on Salters Lane through the grounds and close to the tree. The roots of this tree caused deformation to the path making it uneven and a trip and fall hazard to members of the public. A new path had to be laid, but the roots are showing signs of disturbing the replacement path. One known, significant injury occurred to a member of the congregation on the old path and people lost their balance due to unevenness.

The roots of this tree are 'varicose' in some places significantly pushing up the lawned grounds around it thereby causing depressions and rises and spoiling the unevenness of the ground and resulting in maintenance and mowing problems.

Structural Damage

The tree is close to the high perimeter brick wall (8 metres approx), some of which is historic, with branches extending to the public pavement and, until cut, overhanging it. Passing close to the base of the tree and its root structures is the property's water pipe and drains. It is suspected that these roots damaged the water pipe.

The tree is close to Salters Hall (and adjoining SS Peter & Paul Church) both of which are Grade II Listed Buildings. In conjunction with other nearby trees long term serious damage was caused to parts of the Hall's roof structure on account of leaves blocking the gutters. These areas of the roof structure had perished and had to be replaced on 2007.

2) Health and Safety concerns in the Church grounds surrounding the tree used by the Congregation and public

The tree is located in a public space which one cannot reasonably supervise all the time.



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People stand under the tree and work under the tree; wedding photos are taken under it; children play under it and social activity takes place around the tree. However, due to its character and condition, the tree is constantly dropping debris on those standing under it. Evidence for this, also, is the substantial amount of tree debris that accumulates on the lawn. When pieces of broken branches fall, these are exceptionally heavy due to the nature of the wood and pose a health and safety risk to those standing beneath.

Hazards
To People
& Financial
Cost

It is requested that councillors bear in mind that the grounds in which the tree is located are not a private garden, but an open public space and that from recent experience onerous demands connected with the preservation of the tree have had a disproportionate major cost impact on property, caused personal injury and created hazards.

Yours,
sincerely

(Rev.) Anthony S. Wild