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Re: TPO 126 (2014) & TPO 133 (2015)
Trees in St. Michael's Churchyard, Madeley

Dear Mr Williams,

We write in reply to your letter of 24 February 2015 concerning 13 Sycamores in St. Michael's Churchyard, Madeley.

It should be pointed out that there are only eleven trees shown on your plan. The other two are about 100 yards away in the new churchyard. When Mr. Seebrook, the Tree Officer, visited Madeley he said verbally that he would have no objection to these two trees being taken down. He also said some of the others could be felled, but he wanted to get a report from a structural engineer at the Council on the damage the trees were doing to the wall.

We would refer you again to our letter and plan of 4 September 2014 addressed to Deborah Moseley, which contains detailed comments on each of the trees. Also included with that letter were expert witness statements from a professional tree surgeon and a builder. All our observations are still valid.

We would emphasize that St. Michael's is a closed



Churchyard and the council are therefore responsible for its upkeep, including boundary walls. If the trees are not removed they will do further damage to the walls which the council will have a legal obligation to rectify.

We first contacted the council about these trees in January 2014, but progress has been painfully slow.

The Rev Alan Walden is currently off sick, so I am writing this letter on his behalf, and on behalf of the church.

I apologise for the hand-written letter but my printer has broken!

Yours sincerely

C R Moore

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