

Tree Preservation Order –

St Michaels Church

Madeley

Telford

Objections raised to the TPO-

- It is noted and accepted that the number of trees included within the TPO is questioned and upon further investigation and following the Planning Committee decision the TPO can be modified to reflect the true number of trees within the TPO, given that there are two trees with questionable merit for protection status.
- These trees are clearly indicated and identified as being in situ and mature specimens within the historic mapping of 1883 and as such contain historical significance to the area
- With regard to the church yard boundary wall I have had correspondence from our Engineers Dept and their comments are below;

Further to our meeting at St. Michaels Church on Friday 17th July 2015 with Fitzgeralds Contractors Ltd., I confirm that we have agreed a plausible way forward with regard to the leaning section of wall. Although the wall is locally 'broken', I recommend that the wall is supported with raking props rather than taken down and rebuilt. In essence, the process would follow the steps bullet pointed below. A simplified sketch of this proposal is attached.

- *Place sleepers vertically against the wall at strategic locations (no closer than 2m centres). The height of the sleeper would be approx. 1.2m.*
- *The sleepers would not be fixed/bolted to the wall but would be fixed to a second sleeper, say, 2m in length, lying flat on the ground (perpendicular to the wall). These 2 sleepers would be connected by a third sleeper which would form a raking prop. This structure would be constructed to fit in the available 2.3m of room available.*
- *To avoid the structure sliding due to pressure from the wall, the end of the 'flat lying' sleeper would be tied in to a concrete pad or key which would be constructed, say, 500mm-600mm into the ground. This depth would of course be dependent on the depth of topsoil, subsoil, made ground materials.*
- *4 of these bracing structures would be required, totalling 12No. sleepers.*
- *Where the capping of the wall has broken away completely, this would be removed, cleaned and replaced in the correct position. Ivy growing through the brickwork would be removed.*
- *Where deemed necessary, the worst areas of cracking will be re-pointed with a lime mortar.*

This technical solution is only possible if approval to build on this strip of land between fences is confirmed.

Based on our conversation with the Contractor, the cost of this work, using day work rates and materials cost, would be £XXX. Please allow some contingency in the off chance things don't go as smoothly as we all hope.

