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Dear Mr Williams,

A planning application, TWC/2015/0220 was validated on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 by the Telford & Wrekin Council planning department. I was asked to comment in respect of the arboricultural matters of the proposal.

The proposed site layout drawing: 2098/03 submitted with the application showed that no trees were to be retained.

Within the site there are seven Oak trees, four are Red Oaks and three are English Oaks, the trees are established within the landscape and street scene. Within your letter of objection you refer to your Arboricultural Report describing the trees as "trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality."

The tree preservation order was made to ensure that this established collection of trees was paid due diligence within the planning process.

I would also like to point out that your Arboricultural Report has missed out what I consider to be a fundamental category within the BS: 5837 (2012) recommendations, and that is assessing the Estimated Remaining Contribution of the trees. The category's offer four values <10 (less than) years, 10+, 20+ and 40+ years.

Given that all of the trees on site are Oaks, I would predict they will easily exceed 40+ years and beyond, given the longevity of the species. There are Red Oaks in America where the tree is a native that attain 400 years and the English Oak a native of our own country can live for millennia.

Three of the Oaks are growing at the frontage of the site and currently offer an amenity value. However, all of the trees on site have been given an ultimate height of between 20 and 24 metres. Therefore the tree preservation has been made on their current and future amenity value.

A revised lay out has been submitted following the tree preservation order but it does not take into account the future height and spread of the species on site.

Yours faithfully

Gavin Onions

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Onions', written in a cursive style.

Tree & Woodland Officer