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Dear Mr 

Re: Tree Preservation Order

Thank you for your letter dated 9th September 2016. Within my reply I hope to answer the points you have raised and advise accordingly, if you feel that you then wish to maintain your objection to this TPO, it will then go to Planning Committee for their consideration.

Your first point of objection states that there are roots showing near your garage. Roots observed outside of the canopy edge can be severed cleanly to abate any perceived nuisance.

The general condition of this tree is perceived as good and currently does not require any surgery works. Please find enclosed an application form should you wish to undertake any tree works in the future.

Having undertaken a land search prior to making the tree preservation order, it appears that the boundary fence between yourself and your neighbour does not represent the true perimeters of these properties. I would suggest that the panel fencing currently in situ was erected "around" the tree in order to retain it. As such this tree is considered to be jointly owned between yourself and the neighbouring property.

Your observations regarding the close proximity of a storm water drain are indeed correct. Given that the drain is positioned over a metre below the surface it is not considered to be either threatened or the source of water and nutrients for this tree. This observation is based on the knowledge that tree roots rarely protrude soil over 500 mm in depth as there is little or no oxygen below this depth and roots will not survive.

I hope the aforementioned information has answered the points you have raised regarding your objection to this TPO. Should you wish to maintain your objection, please let me know and the tree preservation order will be allocated time during a planning committee meeting.

Yours sincerely

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