

Wednesday, 31 March 2021

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Subject : Appeal to Planning Refusal to Remove TPO on an Oak Tree at Southmead, Cannons Close.

AW-24-21-T and AW-97-21-PL and PP-09683712

Dear Sirs

We would like to re-apply for the removal of the TPO on an Oak tree in the rear garden of Southmead, Cannons Close.

We were requested by Mark Warwick to obtain a professional opinion report on the tree which we have now done, and also we attach further reasoning as to why this request has been made.

Unfortunately, when Mr Warwick visited to obtain access previously and look close up at the tree, Mrs Scowen (the current owner) was discussing her late Husband's Inquest with the Coroner on the phone, and was not in the frame of mind to have surveyors in. This was unfortunate and we do understand Mr Warwick had to make a decision without being able to gain access himself. We did state that we were the Agents and provided contact numbers, and have done so again in this application. We can easily arrange access if we know when the surveyor would like to attend.

Please consider all surrounding access is private so provides minimal if any public amenity value.

No public right of way for anyone to see the tree except the property itself and neighbours.

The council confirmed no-one objected to the request to remove the tree.

It has a possible fungal infection.

Rot in trunk base is why the building surveyor advised a Health and Safety issue.

Considered to be leaning towards neighbour's property.

It has become too big for the garden and too close in proximity to the house.

Proximity to the neighbour's garage is less than 5 meters

Shading all other areas of the garden, reducing other plant/shrub growth

Owners of property will benefit (which we hope to be in May 2021)

Owners of neighbouring property will benefit.

We are happy to replant other trees and shrubs to match the environmental air quality benefit that removing the Oak tree will affect. More shrubs and more small trees will encourage more garden wildlife.

We appeal to a change of decision please, to allow the removal of the tree.



Nick Lambourn