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Please add this as a REP to AW/254/20/TC and AW/258/20/T

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From: Nick Cotton [REDACTED]
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Dear Miss Toppin

You are case officer for tree works applications AW/254/20/TC and AW/258/20/T about which I make no comment.

In about 2000, a previous owner of Tingewick, 27 The Drive, [REDACTED] planted the Eucalyptus Tree in front of the house little knowing how large it would grow. Very often people plant trees without considering the eventual

height and spread. The next owner of Tingewick, [REDACTED] wanted to fell the Eucalyptus Tree in 2012, and but the Planning Officers objected to **Tree Works Application AW/24/12/TC** because:

"The Eucalyptus Tree is prominently sited within the front garden of the property. The tree is approximately 20-30 years of age and has a large canopy that is visible from the streetscene and public realm along The Drive within the Craigweil House Conservation Area. The applicant seeks to fell the tree on the basis of cracks and fissures appearing in paving and the driveway to the property. The Arboriculturist has inspected the tree and comments that stubs are visible within the lower crown where the tree has been pruned previously, but the tree has good form. The path appears to be of lightweight construction and will be prone to root disturbance and/or tension as a result of flexing in the wind. The Arborist comments that the tree would benefit from a combination of root pruning and crown reduction. This would enable the applicant to repair the path and to create a harmonious arboreal landscape feature worthy of a Tree Preservation Order. The tree is not dead, dying or dangerous and there is no arboricultural justification given to fell the tree. The tree is considered to contribute significantly towards public amenity and it is therefore recommended that the felling of the tree is refused and that the Eucalyptus Tree be made the subject of a Tree Preservation Order."

The Tree Officer was incorrect to say that the Eucalyptus Tree was 20-30 of age as it was no more than 11 years old!

Please confirm whether or not there now is a TPO on the Eucalyptus Tree and, if so, whether or not this can be lifted since the Tree Officer's decision at the time was based on the incorrect assumption that the Eucalyptus was approximately 20-30 years of age, when in fact it was planted by [REDACTED] in about the year 2000. If necessary I can ask Mr Tyler to verify what I say is true.

Kind Regards

Nick Cotton

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