Damian Sullivan

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To: Damian Sullivan
Subject: APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE UNDER YOPUR REF: M/62/13/T

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Dear Sir

Reference your email dated 17 September. We will respond taking your first 3 paragraphs in turn.

1st para We are acutely aware that you are the Case Officer – so there is no need to reinforce this. Please read the opening two sentences of our email of 15 September! While we are happy to address future correspondence to you we will not accept a council member instructing us as to whom we send our letters to! Your Mr Roberts was alerted on the matter as we felt the works in question could have been given a swift go-ahead given the work by its very nature is extremely minor. Moreover, the unnecessary extensive planning process is not conducive to the public purse and as a tax payer we will highlight this and complain as we think fit! It is unfortunate that your Mr Roberts in view of our concerns did not display the courtesy to personally write.

2NO para We are fully appreciative of the machinations of the planning process having undergone planning approval for extensive tree surgery here and substantial building works at the property. You mention the tree is protected but there is no absolute assurance that this is the case. The subject tree was under a blanket TPO prepared over 40 years ago and no one has taken the time to update this. The sycamore by common consent is a pest and we understand one was felled in our vicinity quite recently. We have an adjacent tree to our sycamore which is a horse chestnut and this is a far more attractive species and yet has no TPO on it! Frankly, the overall TPO situation throughout the Council's area needs urgently sorting and it is high time the matter was effectively resourced and managed so one has a clear idea as to what warrants a preservation order and those that do not.

3rd para We have a high regard for Mr Brewster as we have worked closely with him in the past. We have to point out that he accepted that an over head branch is dead and there was another that required removing.

Yours faithfully

R I Carter

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