

renovation agreement
letter sent 2/11/10

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30 October 2010



Dear Ms Kerton

Following our application, made by my wife, to fell the Silver Birch tree in our front garden and the subsequent Tree Preservation Order 12/2010, I would like to appeal against the decision on the following grounds:

- 1) This tree was planted by us 35 years ago when we first moved in (there was just a grassy slope at the front) and at that time we had no idea about gardening or the ultimate size that the tree would grow to, nor the problems that would ensue.
- 2) We applied to the council to fell it because that was what we felt was the appropriate action to take and it is ironic that had we not followed the appropriate channels the tree would have been taken down by now and replaced with another species,
- 3) The tree is in a narrow bed at the right hand side of our property and overhangs the driveway of two adjacent properties. The tree leans towards our property and has grown far too high.
- 4) As you are aware, this species deposits significant twig and leaf debris during the whole season, as well as sticky deposits in Spring and excessive seed fall in the Autumn. The seed fall has been particularly bad this year with clogged house and car drainage systems.
- 5) The clogging of the car drainage system has previously proved to be a very expensive exercise due to water ingress when parked or being driven in heavy rain, knocking out the car's gearbox computer and other electronic systems.
- 6) We have pruned and reduced the height of the tree a few years ago but as this now appears not to be a possibility due to the TPO, we would prefer to replace the tree with one of the following or possibly one that you would prefer as an alternative suggestion.

Fagus Sylvatica 'Purpurea Pendula'
Sorbus Aucuparia 'Sheerwater Seedling'
Acer Triflorium
Acer Japonicum 'Vitifolium'

- 7) There are many Silver Birch trees in the immediate area and as most are much more attractive and in far better condition than ours, we think it would enhance the visual aspect if our tree was replaced.

Finally, I enclose photographs to support our application together with signatures from those neighbours who are affected by this tree, giving us their support for replacing it or at the very least to be permitted to significantly prune it.

Can I now please ask that you reconsider your decision?

Yours sincerely


L. Cook

ENC 4 x NEIGHBOUR APPROVALS

2 x A5 PHOTOS.

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To whom it may concern

With particular reference to Tree Preservation Order No 12/2010, relating to the Silver Birch situated in the right-hand border of the front garden of 13 Dukes Ride, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3JS:

We the undersigned have property in full view of this tree and have been made aware of the problems as set out in the original application;

We have no objections to the proposed removal and replacement of this tree with an alternative species;

However, in the event that the removal and replacement is deemed to be unacceptable to Central Bedfordshire Council, we would support the application for this tree to be pruned from time to time. This action would go some way to reduce the risk of damage to property such as cars, caused by significant overhanging of adjacent driveways, with falling branches and excessive all year round tree debris.

Name: N. R. FORSYTH

Address: 17 DUKES RIDE, LEIGHTON BUZZARD LU7 3JS

Signature: 

Date: 19/10/10

Additional comments:

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Name: Elaine Griffin
Address: 16 DUKES RIDE
LEIGHTON BUZZARD
Signature: E Griffin
Date: 20/10/10
Additional comments:

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Name: Mr P. Walkerdine

Address: 15 Dukes Ride, LU7 3JS

Signature: 

Date: 22-10-1010

Additional comments:

As an ex-farmer from Kent (The Garden of England), I consider the terms imposed on the above by Central Bedfordshire Council as being farcical. It is NOT environmently friendly, as in future, one will think twice before planting any tree in order to avoid further bureaucracy!!

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Name: NIGEL & CAROLINE TURNER

Address: 14 DUKES RIDE
LEIGHTON BUZZARD BEDS LU7 3JS

Signature:  Caroline Turner.

Date: 22.10.10

Additional comments: