

COMMENTS - SUPPORT

(Below) sent by email to Tree and Landscape Officer from Marc Fothergill, 137a Langton Road, YO17 9AE

Dear Matthew,

Thank you for your letter, dated 9th November 2022

In response to the TPO I would like to thank you for acting to stop removal of said trees and for protecting them.

As a resident of 137a Langton Rd I love looking out at the maple, Lime and beech trees on a daily basis. They are important to me and my family and are an important feature of the surrounding area.

The trees mature trees are very prominent and provide shade, shelter and food to many resident and visiting bird species. From small garden birds to tawny owls the trees provide year round cover and interest and are by far the largest trees in the immediate area. The holm oak on the edge of the property is the largest in the area and again essential habitat that needs protecting.

We often sit in the garden of a summer evening listening to the leaves blowing in the breeze, watching the birds and watching the local bats flit amongst the branches feeding on the insects that thrive in the tree cover.

I also understand that all urban trees need ongoing monitoring, remedial pruning works and sometimes in the worst case scenario removal. I'm hopeful that with a TPO in place the tree will be protected and cared for and any remedial works applied for in accordance with local planning regulations and legislation. I am not against any remedial pruning works to these trees but outright removal would concern me regardless of any stipulated replanting scheme.

Thank you also for your recent interventions further up Langton road and of course the very public case of the scots pines across from the Ridings. It ever more important to protect and enhance our tree cover in the area and delighted that you acted quickly and decisively in this instance.

Kind regards,

Marc Fothergill.

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