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Ryedale District Council
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Dear Sir

RE: Your Ref: TPO/338/2014
Tree Preservation Order No: 338/2014

Thank you for your letter dated 25th November 2014 advising me that the Council have served a Tree Preservation Order in respect of the "large mature Monterey Pine tree growing close to the western boundaryimmediately east of No.6 The Croft, Sheriff Hutton".

Please accept this letter as my formal objection to the Tree Preservation Order.

I have a number of concerns in relation to this tree which, as the order notes, is "immediately east of No.6 The Croft, Sheriff Hutton". I am the owner of No.6 The Croft Sheriff Hutton and I am concerned of the potential structural damage that the tree may cause to my property.

The tree, which is extremely large, is sited approximately 4½ feet from the boundary wall to my bungalow with the bungalow sited a very short distance to the other side of the boundary wall. It is fairly well known that the roots of these large trees reach a considerable distance under ground and over a period of time can cause serious structural damage. It is, in my view, quite likely that the roots are already extending within the close proximity of my property and under the existing driveway on which I have a carport and a shed sited along the boundary wall.

Furthermore, I am hoping to build an extension on the side of the property in order to extend the bungalow which is a relatively small two bedroom semi detached property as I would like to provide better quality living accommodation for any future occupants.

As owner of No.6 The Croft Sheriff Hutton I should also point out that we do already have issues in relation to this tree. The overhanging branches already cause the kitchen to be extremely dark. While it might be argued that the carport is a contributory factor to this it should be pointed out that the carport was constructed with a partially clear plastic roof to help keep the kitchen as light as possible. However the tree causes this roof to be covered in green slime which has defeated the object of constructing a carport with a clear plastic ridge roof.

Debris from the tree regularly blocks the guttering and fall pipes and, the side of the tree effectively "dwarfs" my relatively small two bedroom semi-detached bungalow.

At the very least the tree is in a serious need of an extremely severe pruning to minimise the impact that the tree has on my property and to reduce the inconvenience it creates in terms of time consuming maintenance work. The Tree Preservation Order makes pruning the tree potentially difficult, inconvenient, and costly.

Ideally I would like to see the tree removed completely because I am seriously concerned that it may cause long term structural damage to my property.

I would be grateful therefore if you would give serious consideration to the representations included with this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr K G Dobson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr K G Dobson