

COMMENTS - OBJECTIONS**Objection 1 (Below) Comments by email to Tree and Landscape Officer from neighbour Mr P Johnson, 137a Langton Rd. Norton, YO17 9AE.**

Dear Mr Stubbings,

I am writing in connection with your letter date 9th November, regarding the proposed TPO 361/2022

I strongly disagree with the TPO in relation to trees T2 and T3.

My reasons are as follows:

1. Although the 3 trees are on my neighbours property, due to their close proximity, they have a significant impact on my property.
Tree T2 is 6 feet from my boundary wall and 12 feet from my back door.
Tree T3 is 6 feet from my boundary wall and 14 feet from the side of my house.
These are not small trees, T2 and T3 are well in excess of the height of my house (I estimate at over 50 feet).
2. The trees are predominantly growing in a southerly direction, directly over my property and I see no reason why they will ever do anything else than grow over my house. I estimate that some branches reach halfway across the width of my House.
(see separate 'trees' email)
3. They have a considerable impact on the enjoyment of my home and garden, for the following reasons:
 - 3a They are too big and high given their proximity.
 - 3b They are a barrier to light.
 - 3c Excessive bird excrement on my windows, outdoor furniture and patio. (see separate 'birds' email)
 - 3d Excessive Sticky residue on my windows, outdoor furniture and patio.
 - 3e Anxiety over the health of the trees, following many large branches falling onto my roof and patio in the past. (see separate 'branch' email)
 - 3f Anxiety over potential damage being caused to the structure of my property and drains.
 - 3g Damage to my own trees from the scale bug infestation present on these trees. (see separate 'insects' email)

This is a genuine concern, one that is expressed by most people who come to my house. I love trees, I understand their benefit to the environment...however in this instance the I believe that the proximity is too close to residential property.

I am also concerned that the trees have been grouped for TPO purposes, so that these particular trees are afforded global protection.

In relation to the TEMPO methodology itself, please can you supply a copy of your detailed score for trees T2 and T3.

Should the TPO on these trees stand, then please can you explain your understanding regarding legal responsibility for damage to my property under an enforced TPO arrangement by the planning Authority.

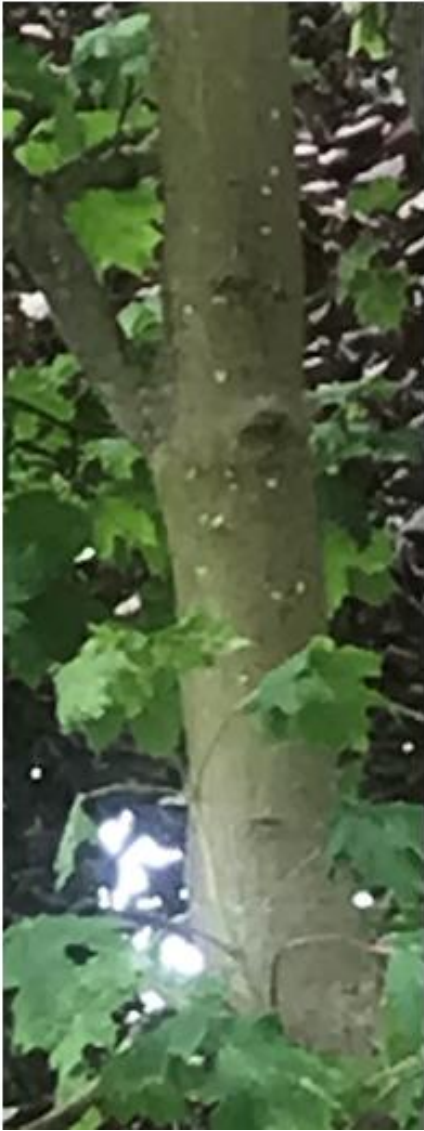
I am sending separate emails with photos from my perspective.

Kind Regards

Peter

The following 7 photographs were emailed to accompany the above objection









Objection 2 (Below) Comments by email to Tree and Landscape Officer from neighbour Steve Mullins (Flat 4) 125 Langton Road, Norton, YO17 9AE

Hi Matthew,

Many thanks for the notice about the tree preservation order dated 9th November concerning TPO 361/2022 and offering us the opportunity to comment.

In the interests of completeness, I'm copying this note to Stuart Rainsbury because the trees concerned are in Norton.

The trees in question line the driveway to my flat (and others') to the rear of Grove House where two of the trees you note appear problematic; the other four appear sound and the requirement, as I understand it, is to address potential issues with just the two problem trees.

I have had a look at these trees and agree that they are in need of attention, yet I fail to see how they have the significant health and form you note in your letter, neither do I feel they contribute much to the attractive tree cover adjacent to Langton Road, because they are set back quite a few yards from that road and barely visible from either direction.

Considering the state of these trees I have difficulty in imagining their long-term retention, never mind their being attractive - should they be blown over or damage adjacent property.

My neighbour, Mr. Guy has extensive experience of nature conservation both in the UK and abroad; in fact, I have referred to him on several occasions when the environment or plants are involved – despite having qualifications in Life Sciences. There is no way I could envisage Mr. Guy seeking to wantonly destroy any healthy tree.

On a personal front, should either of these trees shed branches, or fall, I would suffer severe inconvenience getting to and from my home – as would my adjacent neighbours.

I am also concerned that should either of these trees fall – having been identified as problematic – whose insurance would cover the potential damage to property or danger to people (we have schoolchildren passing by on their way to and from Norton College; a fallen tree is an invitation to climb and weak/rotten branches a significant fall hazard). I would appreciate some clarification on these matters where there must surely be some precedent of TPOs preventing unsecure trees being safely removed.

I trust what I have written will help persuade you and the council to remove the TPO, allow the two unhealthy trees be addressed and ensure the safety of us all living in, around and passing by Grove House.

With best regards,

Steve Mullins (Flat 4)

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