

**PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 08.04.2026  
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – 25/00006 – 55 THOMAS STREET,  
CIRENCESTER**



**COTSWOLD  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNEX F – COPY OF THE OBJECTION TO THE TPO**

**From:** Morris, James  
**Sent:** 11 November 2025 13:33  
**To:** Planning Admin (CDC) Planning Mail (CDC)  
**Cc:** Morris, James  
**Subject:** Proposed TPO 25/00006 . 55 Thomas Street

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For the attention of Tree Officer

Dear Sirs

I am the co-owner of The Mead House, Thomas Street GL7 2AX. I am writing with relation to your proposal to place a TPO on the large Cooper Beach adjacent to 55 Thomas Street.

I would like to raise an objection to the preservation of this tree. My objection is on the grounds of context, maintenance and, above all, safety to pedestrians including the many children using the street daily on the way to Powell School.

Thomas Street is a narrow residential street mostly made up of historic buildings . 55 Thomas Street is built on land that was previously in the ownership of our property and was the site of a small apple orchard .

The tree in question is totally out of context to the street. It is more suited to park land or a wide suburban road .

It dominates 55 Thomas Street and neighbouring properties . Whilst it does not affect my property , I do note the serious maintenance issues it presents to the 1980's housing opposite my property. They have a series of flat roofs and difficult to access gullies . The 6 or 7 houses face major ongoing maintenance clearing roofs from tree debris and emptying blocked gutters.

The tree also impedes light to all the houses as well as the above maintenance issues.

The tree is continuously dropping substantial branches , despite on-going extensive maintenance by the house owner . These falling branches have been substantial on occasions . We had to ask our Gardner to clear a very substantial limb last year which had fallen in the street onto a car.

Thomas Street is on the regular route for numerous small children and their parents attending Powell School. The risks associated with falling branches are considerable.

Whilst I acknowledge the tree is attractive. It is totally out of context in a narrow street; it presents a significant maintenance challenge for the owner and several neighbouring properties. Above all it presents a significant risk of damage to property and injury to pedestrians, including children .

The tree should be removed . The application of a TPO is not appropriate.

James Morris

Solicitor