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Mr Justin Hobbs  
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Cotswold District Council  
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Dear Mr Hobbs

**Planning Application 22/00291/TCONR & TPO No. 22/00003/IND**

Further to our recent correspondence, I would like to formally object to the temporary TPO placed on the my apple tree.

On 24 Jan '22, AJ Arborist submitted an application on my behalf to fell my apple tree. Alasdair did not add the reasons for the fell, since during his lengthy experience as an arborist he has never had an apple tree fell refused by the CDC. I have also had this verified by another Arborist who works in our local area.

On 03 Mar '22, I submitted my carefully considered reasons for the fell application to the Council planning and to yourself.

On the same day, I was advised by my Arborist that you had already been to inspect the tree and had decided to place a temporary TPO on the tree. This, I understand was decided **prior** to considering the very valid reasons for the application. This is extremely disappointing and completely unfair that the TPO was placed without apparently considering our experienced reasons for the fell.

I've lived at No. 1 The Laurels for three years and have considerable experience of how the apple tree has behaved and over several different seasons.

To summarise the reasons for the application to fell, please see the following:

- Three years ago, I found that the tree branches had caused damage to both my internal stone wall and the boundary wall. The tree roots were and still are disrupting the same stone walls. The branches continue to lean lower each year to the stone walls and the entire tree is leaning dangerously close to the walls and the pedestrian pathway. The tree does not bear edible fruit, it is diseased, full of fungus and the leaves are certainly looking diseased also.
- I receive frequent verbal concerns from; pedestrians, the neighbours and members of the Parish Council that this tree is potentially dangerous and causes a risk to pedestrians on the path alongside the boundary wall. The same are also concerned that the tree is disrupting the power lines and the rotten fruit is a risk to pedestrians on the path, especially when it's raining.
- My garden which is very small and in the shape of a triangle is predominately over-shadowed by the apple tree and year round. There is very little light in my garden, the grass is always in shadow and soaking wet.

- The tree was pruned three years ago in the hope that this would stimulate a healthy crop of apples and new healthy branches and leaves. Unfortunately, the tree and the fruit remains diseased three years later.
- The Parish Council's Tree Inspector has inspected the tree's condition, its environment and its impact on the private property and public pathway. There were no objections to the fell for the stated reasons.

To summarise, I would like to confirm that I completely object to the temporary TPO for the very practical reasons mentioned above. This tree is potentially dangerous and it is diseased, I don't think I can make it any clearer.

I absolutely cannot be liable for any potential danger to pedestrians. If you place a TPO then the CDC will need to be responsible and need to confirm that I will **not be** personally liable for any accidents that might happen. Please advise.

I would kindly appreciate that you re-consider the TPO so that this tree can either be felled or pruned back without the restriction of a TPO both now and in the future.

I look forward to your kind acknowledgement.

Please advise, thank you.

Kind regards

**Jill Mockridge**

Cc:  
Planning at Cotswold District Council  
A.J. Arborist