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The Folly

West End Gardens

Fairford

Gloucestershire

GL7 4JB

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Tree Officer

Cotswold District Council

Tree Officer, Cotswold District Council,

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Subject: Objection to Tree Preservation Order on Trees at The Folly, West End Gardens, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4JB

I am writing to formally object to the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) recently placed on a group of trees situated on my private land at The Folly, West End Gardens, Fairford, Gloucestershire, GL7 4JB.

While I appreciate the importance of conserving the district's natural environment, I have several concerns regarding the appropriateness and impact of this particular TPO.

Firstly, the imposition of the TPO presents a risk of devaluing my property. The restrictions imposed limits my ability to manage access to both the driveway and garage, which are essential for the practical use and future access to my home.

This limitation could have a direct effect on the property's market value, as any future plans for necessary alterations or enhancements are now significantly hindered. This will have an impact on my personal situation and leave me significantly disadvantaged financially.

It is also important to note that the trees in question do not contribute noticeable value to the adjacent public footpath or wider community. The majority of these trees, including the G1 Christmas trees, were planted by myself or my late father over the years, and do not represent any historic value to the town nor any link to historic woodland. As such, their provenance is private rather than public. The footpath has minimal use and is defiantly not a place people come to visit so I don't understand any point made about adding value to the public.

The G1 Christmas trees in particular have proven to be troublesome to maintain, frequently shedding branches and requiring ongoing attention to ensure safety and tidiness. They have grown out of control and significantly unsuitable for the location they are in. The height potentially presents risk to neighbouring property if they were to fall. The trees have experienced considerable die back and to make them safer they should be felled to protect neighbouring property and the highway.

Furthermore, the fruit trees currently included in the order are in poor health and are unlikely to last, making their preservation of questionable merit. I have contemplated in cutting them down before the TPO but just another job to do. I do not understand why these trees should be preserved.

Having lived at this address for many years and now being of advanced age, I am acutely aware of the practical challenges of maintain a TPO administratively and stress the TPO introduces to my daily life that I do not need at my age. The anxiety caused by the restrictions and potential for penalties has had a considerable impact on my wellbeing.

I would respectfully point out that there are many other trees of greater significance in Fairford that might warrant preservation ahead of those on my private land. A TPO would add significant burden to apply for the management of and maintenance of these trees. I do not understand why Cotswold District Council have targeted these trees as I have been involved with horticulture for many years and have observed die back of these trees. They are not in a good condition.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Tree Preservation Order be removed from the trees on my property. I trust that the Council will give due consideration to the personal and practical implications outlined above and remove the TPO with immediate effect.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would be grateful to discuss this issue further if required if you disagree with my objection.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Radway