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FOA: Clive Dawson

Thursday, 06 September 2018

REF: 18/01255/TCA – Provisional TPO

Dear sir,

I write in regard the above recent application to fell two limes, and crown / thin the third.

Earlier in the year I was granted permission to crown / thin all three (18/00564/TCA). As such I cannot understand why I now have a temporary TPO applied to these trees.

I'd like to appeal against this decision on the following grounds:

1. They haven't been maintained for many years and are unsightly, tightly packed and fighting each other for space.
2. Close proximity of properties and a clay subsoil making damage by roots a possibility
3. Overhang neighbouring properties and making a mess that I cannot contain
4. Previous application to maintain them had been granted

I look forward to hearing from you in relation to this application and hope that you can reconsider this temporary TPO.

Yours sincerely

(BEN MORHALL)

From: Ali Mercer []
Sent: 03 September 2018 14:59
To: Clive Dawson
Subject: Re. Limes, Mistley 18/00013/TPO.

Hello Clive,

I hope this finds you well. This may well be my last communication as Tree Warden, as we're moving to North Devon in late October.

It's been brought to my attention that three Common Limes have had provisional TPOs put on on them following an application to fell two and crown reduce a third (following a previously granted application to crown reduce all three). APP 18/01255/TCA

I wondered what the reasons were for this? Is it just a process taken on the general assumption that trees should not be removed? These particular trees are not specimens I'd expect to see a TPO on and there are other factors which may be of interest.

These Limes have always been VERY vigorous in their growth and will require a lot of future maintenance. They overhang two other properties' boundaries, both rented houses, making it difficult to access them for maintenance. They also lie within an influential distance of a neighbouring property (The Bungalow, Kerridges Cut). The underlying subsoils here are a thin layer of sands and gravel over London Clay (lying only 50cm below ground surface at one neighbouring property), making it very prone to the effect of tree roots.

T1 and T2 on the order are growing less than 5 feet apart at their bases, with T3 less than 6 feet from T2, giving none of them space to grow a balanced crown. Removing the two furthest from Kerridges Cut and reshaping the remaining T3 will give this tree a much more pleasing aspect. Incidentally, due to the alignment of the trees, only T3 can really be seen by passers by.

The trees lie within a property which includes many mature trees, all now being maintained properly after years of neglect. They form part of a kind of green corridor which extends through and between the properties along Harwich Road and California Road, largely visible only to residents of those properties. In my view, the removal of T1 and T2 would have minimal impact on amenity and wildlife value and there is always the option of replacing them with a less vigorous, native tree or shrub more appropriate to the garden.

I'd be grateful if these points could be taken into account when considering whether to confirm or revoke this provisional TPO.

Kind Regards,
Alison

Tree Warden, Mistley Parish Council

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