

APPLICATION NO: 17/02348/CONF		OFFICER:
DATE REGISTERED:		DATE OF EXPIRY :
WARD: Pittville		PARISH:
APPLICANT:		
LOCATION:	92 Evesham Road, Cheltenham	
PROPOSAL:	Confirmation of TPO 751 Yew to the rear of 92 Evesham Road	

REPRESENTATIONS

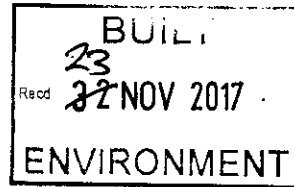
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Number of objections	2
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Number of supporting	0

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Comments: 6th December 2017
Letter attached.

90 Evesham Road
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Comments: 6th December 2017
We acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th October 2017. We remain disappointed that a TPO has been enforced in this particular case.



92 Evesham Road,
Cheltenham,
GL52 2AH.

20th November 2017.

Dear Ms Crews,

Re: Tree Preservation Order reference 17/00751/TREEPO

I am writing to first acknowledge the receipt of your notification, for which you will find the enclosed completed form.

I also write to lodge my objection to the tree preservation order. My objections are as follows:-

Excessive shading – this tree preservation order takes no account of the primary issue with this tree. During summer months, the tree blocks the rear garden extensively. This is a source of considerable anxiety for my family and I, preventing the garden from being fully useful during summer months. Please see photo 1.

Hazardous root damage - we have seen the root structure damaging a paved area next to the tree that is now becoming hazardous (see photo 2.) Our children have tripped several times on the paving slabs and we are fortunate not to have had a serious accident.

Outgrowing space available – the tree has grown considerably over the past 20 years and is beginning to outgrow the space available. The trunk has grown in diameter to the extent that our neighbour's fence is now being forced out of position and will become damaged (see photos 3 and 4.) Given that yew tree trunks can reach diameters well in excess of the current size, this problem will get worse and the tree will encroach further onto our neighbour's property.

Visual amenity – it is true that the tree is visually arresting. However, this is only apparent when viewed from certain areas in the western section of Central Cross Drive, which is primarily used for parking. During our meeting, you were willing to discuss pruning options to alleviate the shading issue. If pruning had been agreed, the visual impact from the road would have been significantly reduced. Further, very often pruning will render a tree unattractive, losing natural proportion. If pruning were to be agreed, visual amenity would be reduced considerably.

Replanting – during our meeting with Ann Holdstock, it was stated that the council cannot be sure that a replacement tree has been planted. However, the final paragraph of point 15 in the Protected Trees booklet you provided states that "Local planning authorities have legal powers to ensure that you plant a replacement tree when required." I believe this is sufficient safeguard to ensure a replacement is planted should the application to fell be granted.

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In summary, I believe I have a strong case for the removal of this tree, together with a mitigating offer to replace the tree with a new specimen in a location within 2 metres of the current tree. Please also consider the fact that my property presently has a further 3 large trees which still contribute to the visual aspect of Pitville park, particularly as they are situated on the East side of the plot where they make the best contribution to the park.

Please reconsider the tree preservation order referred to here-in.

Yours faithfully,

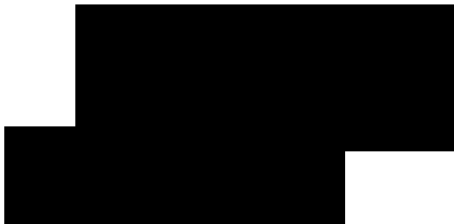
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Photo 1: position of tree in the west, resulting in shading during summer. It can be seen that the tree is outgrowing the space available.



Photo 2: hazardous damage to paving due to expanding root system.



Photo 3: View from rear showing trunk forcing fence paneling out of line.



Photo 4: Showing existing contact with fence.