

<b>APPLICATION NO: 17/02251/TPO</b>		<b>OFFICER: Miss Ann Holdstock</b>	
<b>DATE REGISTERED:</b> 17th November 2017		<b>DATE OF EXPIRY :</b> 12th January 2018	
<b>WARD:</b> Up Hatherley		<b>PARISH:</b> UPHATH	
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Mr & Mrs M Ling		
<b>LOCATION:</b>	1 Hazebrouck Close, Cheltenham		
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Oak Tree in rear garden -fell		

## REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	<b>7</b>
Number of objections	<b>0</b>
Number of representations	<b>0</b>
Number of supporting	<b>7</b>

20 Ullswater Road  
Hatherley  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 3PR

**Comments:** 7th December 2017

I am writing in support of the felling of the tree in the back garden of 1 Hazebrouck Close, Hatherley.

My children have been invited for many play dates at the above property and are unable to utilise the back garden due to the aforementioned tree. Not only does it shade the garden to such an extent that grass is unable to grow, it also turns the dirt to muddy slush (and VERY slippery) whenever it rains. This makes the garden completely unusable!

I also will no longer allow my children to play in the above property's garden after an incident where a large branch fell hitting the occupants child.

Due to (what I feel) is a dangerous environment; the tree is inhibiting not only the lives of the occupants, but those family and friends who visit the property!

4 Hazebrouck Close  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 3QA

**Comments:** 11th December 2017

I have already written a letter in support to accompany the application - these comments are to confirm all the details contained in the letter. In summary, the tree has not been cut back sufficiently over the years and so now is far too big for its environs. It overhangs a public footpath which is dangerous. The leaves block the drains. It blocks all light from number 1 and surrounding properties. It has completely outgrown its position and creates a danger to us all if it

were to fall, be struck by lightning? It needs to be removed or severely cut and regularly maintained.

2 Hazebrouck Close  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire  
GL51 3QA

**Comments:** 8th December 2017

I have received the letter with the proposal of the oak tree fell from 1 Hazebrouck Close Cheltenham.

As I have made clear in my previous email the tree continues to create problems some already known as in the size of the tree it is already far too big for its surroundings and is still growing - what worries me more is the parts of the tree we cannot see and the damage this could have on nearby properties.

The previous routine of cutting back the branches did not solve the ongoing problem the tree got stronger and flourished.

Some would argue the tree was there first however who authorised the decision for houses to be built there knowing there could be problems in the future?

Can I have confirmation from the council to compensate me and my neighbours for any future damage this tree creates to my property or land by not listening or acting now?

My parents went through this with the first application for this tree to be removed and now years later the same problem has now passed onto me after my parents death and although we are still considering what to do with the property this could prevent or stop future buyers.

Sadly the tree is going to continue to grow up and down - it has got to go to stop any future damage.

42 Fernleigh Crescent  
Cheltenham  
GL51 3QL

**Comments:** 18th December 2017

I am supportive of this application, since clearly very significant loss of amenity is being experienced by Mr & Mrs Ling. Mr Unwin's report does not envisage that possibilities for managing the system would work well. The alternative is to do nothing at all, which could have very negative consequences. So on the basis of the evidence I have seen (18/12/2017), felling would seem to be the only realistic option.

11 College View  
Cirencester  
GL7 1WD

**Comments:** 6th December 2017

I am emailing in support of the application to fell the tree in the garden of no.1 Hazebrouck close.

Over many years of visiting my brother and his wife, I have observed the continued growth of the tree and seen first hand the effect it has had on the family. The tree has appeared to absorb all the moisture and nutrients from the ground and instead of a green garden with lots of sunlight

and colour there is a dark barren stretch of land without even a weed. The patio is slowly sinking, making it unusable and the tiny bits from the tree carpet the floor making a very uncomfortable area for kids to play in. Coupled with the risk of larger falling debris, the garden is useless for kids play or indeed any family activities, limiting their ability host social events and making them feel isolated, its such a shame that their daughter has been unable to enjoy the fresh air and exercise offered by the safety of a garden, its hardly a pleasant and joyful surrounding.

Its still growing, and along with it the stress and anxiety on the family. Its been awful watching the garden slowly consumed by shade its quite simply too big and overwhelming.

Removal of the tree would make a huge difference to their quality of life, allowing them to enjoy their garden in the same way as anyone else and as sunlight and nutrients return to the ground the garden can once again flourish

227 Alexander Drive  
Cirencester  
GL7 1UH

**Comments:** 7th December 2017

In respect of the application to fell the tree in the garden of 1 Hazebrouck Close, I would like to declare my absolute support. This is based on a number of key factors: the impact on the garden and surrounding areas; the impact on the quality of life of the inhabitants; and the safeguarding of all residents at the address, but specifically that of Mr and Mrs Ling's young daughter.

Since Mr and Mrs Ling moved into the house it became apparent that the tree was causing a number of issues on the surrounding area. This included disruption of the garden as was demonstrated by the undulating paving slabs in part of the garden area. Given the size of the tree, the roots are certain to be significant and will undoubtedly be causing, and will continue to cause further damage to the surrounding area.

The tree is also having a significant impact in the quality of the garden itself. A combination of the excessive shade coupled with the draw of water it has on the surroundings has turned the garden into a very dry and arid landscape. This is a great shame for the family that live there. Having spent time with them at their house and enjoyed their cooking which they are passionate about, it seems such a shame that this tree is limiting their ability to develop, for example, a vegetable patch, which their young daughter would not only really enjoy, but learn a great deal from as she grows her own veg and turns it into her own meal.

Further to this the landscape limits what they feel they can do with their garden and I know they find it very upsetting that they cannot share what should be a lovely green space with family and friends.

But finally, and I think most importantly, I have a real concern around the safeguarding of everyone in both this address and the surrounding area, but specifically for their young daughter. The tree has clearly grown bigger since they've been at this address, and with this comes an increased risk to what falls from it. I've seen first hand some of the small branches that get blown out of the tree, but I dread the thought of something bigger falling and damaging the dwelling, or worse still a member of the family.

Whilst I love the outdoors and am a great supporter of the environment, I do not believe that there's any other option than to fell this tree and put life back into this garden and the lives of the family that live there.

18 The Green  
Cirencester  
GL7 1AU

**Comments:** 7th December 2017

As my son, I visit Mr and Mrs Ling and their young daughter to find an increasingly unusable, barren garden that is unsafe for her, her friends and cousins to play in and to hold the normal family events others enjoy. It is dark, unwelcoming and unable to support the growth of any flowers and plants - and even grass will not grow anywhere as the trees canopy blanks out any sun and its roots suck the life out of it.

It is such a shame to see their lives affected in such a way. As you consider the needs of those wishing to keep the many trees in Cheltenham for their environmental impact, please also consider the devastating impact this single tree is having on a young family.