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30th January 2018

Dear Mr Musgrave

Reference TPO/2017/002

We are writing in reference to the above Tree Protection Order that was issued on a provisional basis on 21st December 2017. We would like to express our objection to the Order that was placed on the monkey puzzle tree in our front garden.

We have submitted a number of planning applications over the last few years and, throughout that time, no Planning Officers or council Tree Officers that will have visited the property have ever mentioned the monkey puzzle tree or commented on the need for a Tree Protection Order. It appears the provisional Order was only issued as a knee jerk reaction to a neighbour's comment in the recent planning process.


We also have concerns over the current health of the tree. The previous owners of the property, who knew they were intending to move house for a number of years, did not maintain the monkey puzzle tree or indeed any of the shrubs, hedges or trees on the property. As a result we inherited a number of dead hedges to the front and rear of the property, an overgrown magnolia tree whose roots were too close to the house and the monkey puzzle tree which has several dead branches and is very mis-shapen. Also our newly planted laurel hedges to the front of the property have failed to grow and flourish due to the moisture that the very large monkey puzzle tree demands.

Following the rejection of the last planning application we no longer intend to cut down the tree but we also don't feel the tree should have a Tree Protection Order placed on it. We are also aware of other monkey puzzle trees in Beaconsfield, one being only 1/3 mile away and in the same neighbourhood. And from discussions with other people in the area have been told that they do not have Tree Protection Orders on them (despite being significantly better specimens of a monkey puzzle tree).

Whilst we haven't yet decided whether to appeal the recent planning decision we still have the right to appeal within 12 weeks under planning laws. If we do choose to submit an appeal, the placing of a provisional Tree Protection Order at this present time will jeopardise our chances of appeal, in particular, as the original planning application was submitted with no Order in place.

We'd welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



Mr Gareth Small



Mrs Sarah Small