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25th September 2014

To whom it may concern.

I sent the enclosed letter on 4th March 2014. I am yet to receive a response. Please can you let me know by return whether or not it will be possible to have this TPO removed?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards.

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To whom it may concern.

Some years ago I requested to have a TPO applied to a lime tree in my front garden. Our neighbours had claimed that this tree was causing subsidence to their property, but I did not want to lose this tree. The TPO was applied to the tree and subsequently, our household insurance policy wrote to inform us that should anything happen with the lime tree, they would not cover us for any liability.

Despite regular pollarding, crowning and pruning to the tree it is thought that it is now too big for where it currently stands. Following the recent wet weather, the roots are now in very wet soil (which does not give as much support to a tree as dry soil) and we are concerned about the safety of having such a large tree so close to a busy road and footpath. In the strong winds we have just encountered, there was a lot of movement in the tree and I am very concerned about the safety of passers-by and my resultant duty of responsibility toward these people.

In light of this, I would like to request that the TPO is removed from the tree so that I can have it felled. I would replace this tree with one or two smaller native trees, which would be more suitable for the plot. This way the area would still reap the reward of having trees, but with less risk to the general public.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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