

From: Vicki Harding
Sent: 28 October 2022 07:02
To: Tom Little; Nick Bell; Planning
Cc: Linda Chung (Cllr)
Subject: 2022/4175/T Christchurch Cottage Christchurch Passage: 1 x Poplar (T1) - Fell to ground level and grind below ground level.

Dear Tom Little and Nick Bell,

This particular tree has been a key feature of this section of Grove Place and New End/Well Road right by the shops here, and it is no wonder that it has received a Tree Protection Order in the past.

I am unable to visit the site as I am away at present but a near neighbour has taken many photographs showing there is likely to be extensive ivy all around the base of the tree with no sign that the ivy has been removed where this is possible to obtain evidence of fungal infection and the extent of any rot.

Please would you not allow the felling until further evidence has been provided such as a picus test. If the tests indicate extensive rot and you decide to allow the felling, please would you ensure this TPOed tree is replaced by a prominent tree appropriate for the site, on that site.

With all good wishes

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