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Dear Ms King

Tree Preservation Order: SC/00228/15

Thank you for the Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders, TEMPO, survey data sheet and decision guide. I have now read the guidance notes for users produced by Forbes-Laird Arboricultural Consultancy and I thought it would be a worthwhile exercise to personally complete a TEMPO assessment of the tree in question.

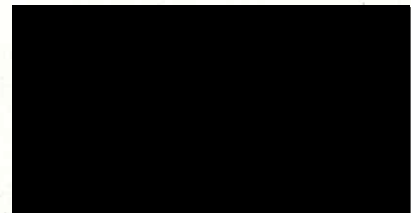
In completing the assessment, I decided to use the condition of the tree as stated by the council's arboriculturist. However, the scores recorded against each of the other sections are my own. I believe that a person living alongside the tree has a better understanding of its worth and amenity value than a person who visits the site for an hour.

I have enclosed my completed TEMPO form and will explain my findings.

Part 1

- a. 5 – As originally assessed.
- b. 0 - The reason for this low score is that the tree is a 'near future nuisance'; it is out growing its context as it is almost touching a neighbour's house and it is too close to the road. It is significantly affecting the potential, growth and shape, of a better quality and rare tree, a Dawn Redwood. Due to its shape, previous pruning and species, the copper beech can only tolerate limited reduction so the occupants of River Cottage live in a twilight world in the summer due to the shading from the canopy.
- c. 3 - It is a roadside tree but on a narrow road as you approach a 90° bend. Drivers are looking ahead to the bend rather than at the tree when heading east. When heading west they are looking to the next corner, assessing whether there is enough space to pass an oncoming vehicle. Cyclists would be heads down climbing the hill heading east and looking to negotiate the corner and the potholes when heading west down the hill. Very few people walk down the lane.
- d. -1 (minus one) - Due to the tree's previous pruning it has poor shape, nothing like a standard copper beech. It is wide in the east/west axis but narrow in the north/south axis. As previously stated it is generally unsuitable for its location due to size.

Part 2 is not relevant due to the low scores above.



A subjective assessment of the tree obviously results in a very different conclusion. You may think I am simply biased, however I have followed the TEMPO instructions and have applied my own knowledge of the area where the tree is growing.

I do hope this will help Mr Sutton in his decision making and possibly encourage him to visit the site.

Regards



Michael Cauchi

P.S. I have not received confirmation of receipt for my second letter.

TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS - TEMPO

SURVEY DATA SHEET & DECISION GUIDE

Date: 28/05/15 Surveyor: ANDREA KING

Tree details SC/00228/15
 TPO Ref (if applicable): Tree/Group No: T1 Species: COPPER BEECH
 Owner (if known): MILL HOUSE Location: STANTON UPON HINE HEATH

REFER TO GUIDANCE NOTE FOR ALL DEFINITIONS

Part 1: Amenlty assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO

- 5) Good Highly suitable
- 3) Fair/satisfactory Suitable
- 1) Poor Unlikely to be suitable
- 0) Dead/dying/dangerous* Unsuitable

Score & Notes
5

* Relates to existing context and is intended to apply to severe Irremediable defects only

b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO

- 5) 100+ Highly suitable
- 4) 40-100 Very suitable
- 2) 20-40 Suitable
- 1) 10-20 Just suitable
- 0) <10* Unsuitable

Score & Notes
0

*Includes trees which are an existing or near future nuisance, including those clearly outgrowing their context, or which are significantly negating the potential of other trees of better quality

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use

- 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees Highly suitable
- 4) Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public Suitable
- 3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only Suitable
- 2) Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty Barely suitable
- 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size Probably unsuitable

Score & Notes
3

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

- 5) Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees
- 4) Tree groups, or principal members of groups important for their cohesion
- 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance
- 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual
- 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features (inc. those of indifferent form)
- 1) Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location

Score & Notes
-1

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify

- 5) Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice
- 3) Foreseeable threat to tree
- 2) Perceived threat to tree
- 1) Precautionary only

Score & Notes
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Part 3: Decision guide

- Any 0 Do not apply TPO
- 1-6 TPO Indefensible
- 7-11 Does not merit TPO
- 12-15 TPO defensible
- 16+ Definitely merits TPO

Add Scores for Total:
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Decision:
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