

Email of 1 August 2020 from Iain and Caroline McBain to RCC Planning

For the attention of Magda Waclawik & Justin Johnson

Temporary TPO Re 2020/0559/CAT to fell 32 cricket bat willows land to the south of Mill Lane Barrowden (near footpath E321).

We are writing to Object to the Tree Preservation Order.

We have lived at 3 The Tannery, Barrowden for the last 25 years and together with our neighbours the Pickwoods are the residents of the village that are most impacted.

Clearly there has been no site visit as the statement on the TPO; “At the time of the inspection, the trees appeared to be in satisfactory health” is clearly incorrect to anyone carrying out an inspection. There are 2 trees that have fallen down and at least 3 further trees where the main trunk has snapped off during adverse weather. These trees are clearly at the end of their healthy life and need to be harvested.

When the previous trees were cut down as they had reached the stage of needing to be harvested, Burghley carried out the work with consideration for those households directly impacted and replanted in an appropriate time span. It was made clear at the time that this was a piece of managed woodland and the replanted trees had a finite lifespan.

The replanting plan seems clear and addresses all our concerns with regard to maintaining the amenity of the site and I understand is in line with good forestry practice.

Regards

Iain & Caroline McBain