

13 Robson's Way
Amble
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE65 0GA

Your Ref: L J/ 017651

21st September 2021

Tree Preservation Order (No. 02 of 2021)


Further to your letter of 25th August concerning the proposed t. p. o. on the land to the west of Robson's Way I would draw your attention to the following before any such order is made permanent.

During the seventeen years since the woodland was planted the current owner has failed to maintain it and many of the crowded Ash and Scots Pine trees have 'bolted'. As a result of this crowding many are tall, unhealthy and unsightly. Whilst they may provide a barrier between properties on the west side of Robson's Way and the proposed development in the field behind work will be required to overcome years of neglect.

Some home owners have purchased sections of the woodland from the present owner and cleared trees to extend their gardens and it would be unfair if a t. p. o. precluded others from doing the same especially those who have already begun negotiations with the owner's agent. It is highly unlikely that any of the residents would wish to remove all of the trees which screen their properties but by taking responsibility for their maintenance there are likely to be long term benefits.

I think it is unlikely that any detailed assessment of the woodland's condition took place prior to the temporary order but many of the trees to the rear of our property are seriously affected by Ash Dieback and this virulent disease is likely to spread if not addressed as a matter of urgency by whoever is responsible.

For the reasons outlined above we oppose the order being made permanent and suggest that the temporary order is rescinded so that the necessary maintenance and remedial work can be carried out.

Signed 
Ray and Linda Hannam
Owners of the above property.