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### RE: FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF AN OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TREE PRESERVATION ORDER AT HILLSCROFT WELLOW.

Dear Jane Brewer

This is formal notification of an objection to the proposed Tree Preservation Order.  
(TCA 12/01892).

I have not been formally given a TPO number, I was also informed of the refusal at 3.30pm the preceding day by telephone before the notification expired the next day May 24th 2012.

#### Grounds for objection

##### Tree1.

The Poplar tree has a pronounced lean towards a busy B road another poplar of the same size failed at the root plate around five years ago adjacent to the road. It is my opinion that the cohesion of the roots given the waterlogged position and the height and windsail of the tree present a danger to the public highway.

(I am surprised the owner have not been requested by The Highways Authority under the miscellaneous provisions act to fell the tree, and can only assume because it is a third party tree it has been overlooked.)

Pruning higher up would only produce weaker points of attachment further up in the crown and exacerbate the problem further.

If the Wessex Tree Officer or Julian Forbes-Laird Tempo criteria are carried out on this tree it does not fall into the range for preservation. This is my argument, also the tree is of a very limited amenity value.

##### Tree2.

The Birch tree is a short lived pioneer species with an expected lifespan of under 90 years. This tree is clearly mature and its sule is likely to be 20-30 years, although there are no major structural weaknesses in the tree and it is in good condition a

reduction of 30% may be a more appropriate solution as the tree enters senescence with out the a need to place a TPO.

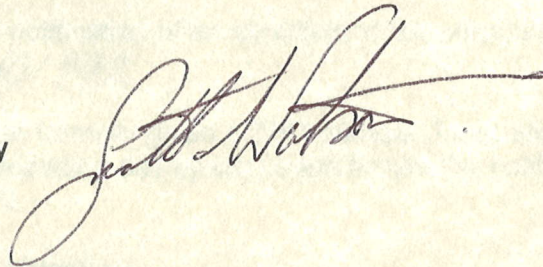
The reason I am confident and competent to carry out this assessment in an unbiased way is:

I spent 2009-2011 surveying trees for Network Rail. I was involved with around 12 other surveyors carrying out tree hazard assessment over 22,000 miles and conducting the biggest safety inspection of trees in Europe ever conducted. The work took me from Lostwithiel in West Cornwall to Lindisfarne in Northumbria covering over 1,500 miles and surveying 10,000's of trees.

The auditor for the contract was Julian Forbes Laird (responsible for Tempo) we used his threats template through out. I therefor refute the validity of the Tree Preservation Orders and see no grounds that loss of amenity overrides safety.

This then makes a mockery of both the Highways Act and The Occupiers Liability Act when statute Law can be over-ridden on the grounds of loss of amenity the arboricultural world is in real difficulty.

Yours sincerely



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