

Madam,  
Richmond Road,  
Bath.

BAI SPS.  
27.10.14.



Ms Jane Brewer,

Senior Arboriculturist,

Bath + North East Somerset Council.

Levin's House,

Bath. BAI 15C.

Dear Madam,

I have received from you the notice of the application of the Tree Preservation Order 2014 on a Silver Birch tree in the front garden of the above address. I have been associated with this property for over thirty six years and the only time any work has been carried out on the tree was some thirty years ago. This surely indicates that the growth has been unchecked for a long time and needs to be reduced in order to remain

in balance with the property. The care of the tree will remain the same and the status of the tree will continue as before with no need for a T.P.O. and therefore I request that such an order is not placed on this Silver Birch.

During a recent telephone conversation I sought your advice as to how the tree could be reduced in size in a sympathetic manner and you suggested that I should seek the help of a tree surgeon. I have engaged Mr. C. Samler, a professional tree surgeon, who has worked with you many times and has contacted you with his proposals and I have forwarded his ideas with my application form. You did not find them acceptable and so I have revisited the site again with Mr. Samler who still believes that the suggested reduction is a fair compromise with the Council.

I note that any observations should

be made to the Council by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
and I enclose the following comments

- i The trunk is very large and multi stemmed leading to an extensive canopy that shades the sun and light from the lawns and flower beds.
- ii The Birch is so large that the bungalow and plot are overwhelmed
- iii The root system is forcing the drive to fracture
- iv The lower branches are beginning to reach the bungalow which raises the question of safety.

I am aware that representation can be made in person and I would find it very helpful to report to the Committee in order to resolve this problem as soon as possible. I would therefore be most grateful if you would kindly inform me of the date, time and place of the meeting. Yours faithfully, Mrs. L. Payne