

Appendix C : Objection

Appeal against Tree Preservation Order No. 445

We are writing to appeal against TPO No. 445 which resulted from our recent application for tree removal (Ref 21/02630/TCA). We feel the officer's report on our application (enclosed) does not give a fair account of the situation both in terms of the damage being caused by these trees and their significance to the local environment.

1 Wall Movement

The officer's report said there are "some signs of movement" but this "appears to be relatively minor in nature". This gives the impression that it is barely noticeable.

As can be seen in Figure 1, the section next to the trees is now well forward of the original wall line. At the worst point (tree T2 on your drawing No. A4/UED/808/445) the top of the wall has been pushed approximately 10 inches forward (see Figure 2).

We argue that the movement is clearly visible, is not of a relatively minor nature and this is why we stated on our application that the trees have outgrown the space available and are pushing the boundary wall over.

2 Prominence & Amenity Value

The officer's report said they are prominent because of "their proximity to the roadside and being the tallest trees in the surrounding vicinity."

Obviously these trees are near the roadside but we do not accept that they are the tallest trees within the "surrounding vicinity". There are many other trees of a similar or larger size on neighbouring roads, e.g. Top Side (junction with Hill Top Lane) and Bower Lane (junction with Top Side and Middle Lane). The latter tree is around 75 yards from ours, next to a short track that leads directly into Wheata Wood where there are many prominent trees providing clear amenity value to the local community.

We are therefore appealing against the TPO on the grounds that the trees are causing substantial wall movement and the loss of these trees would not result in a significant reduction in the amenity value of the surrounding vicinity.



Figure 1 Wall position looking south along Middle Lane

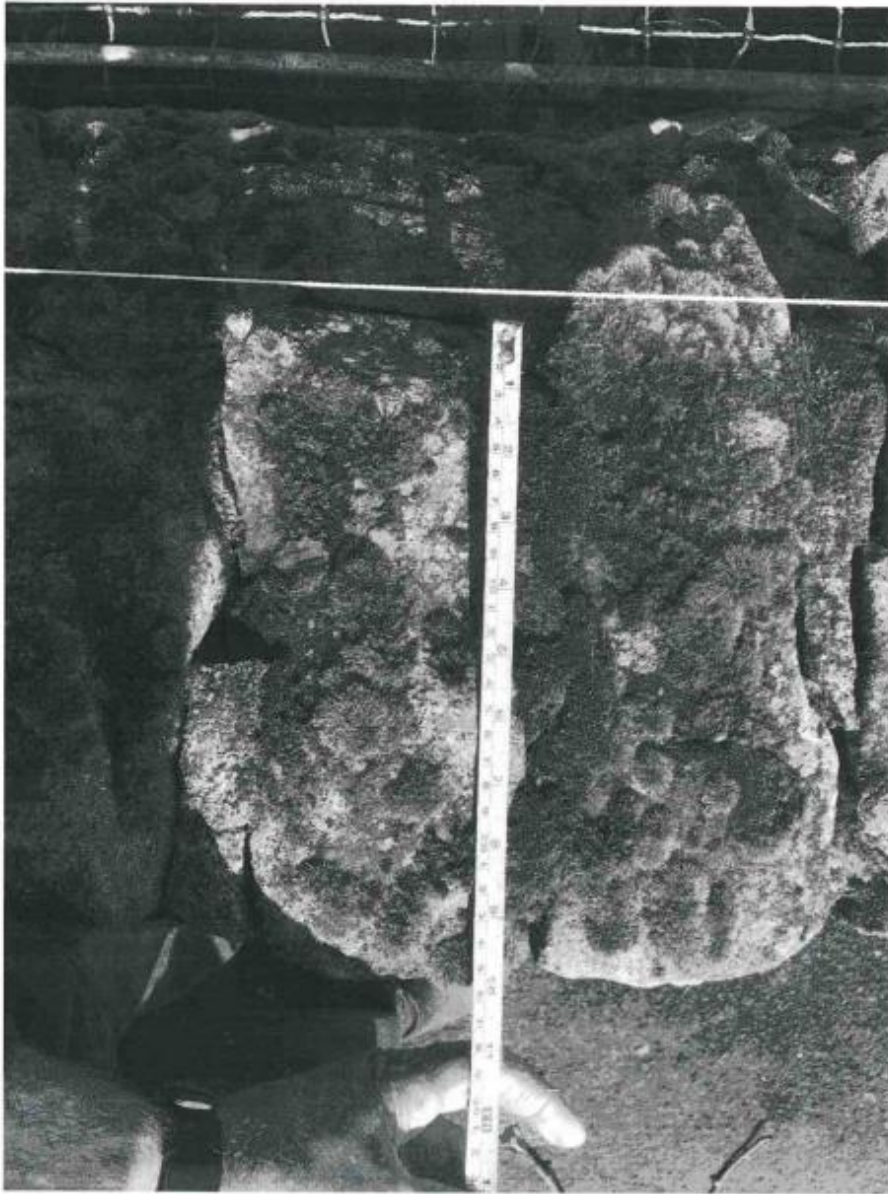


Figure 2 Measurement of wall position relative to original wall line

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