

Following a discussion at length with your colleague David, I am mailing with my objections to the TPO proposal on the Archer Drive Development (Home Bargains site). I understand that the issue is proposed to be heard at committee on the 26th and the objections would need to be with you by close of business today.

In summer 2020 when work was able to continue with the development and they got to working on the trees, on brief conversation with the arborist who was instructed to carry out the work, they were indeed only carrying out the 4m reduction in height and thinning out some of the huge number of saplings that had taken while the site was derelict.

I strongly object to the TPO on the basis that:

The tree line that borders Archer Road is hugely overgrown and has not been kept for many years since the closure of Esporta.

At it's densest parts it has a significant reduction in light to many gardens and overpowers by height.

The trees are too large for adjoining residents to reasonably (and safely in part) be expected to cut back overhang.

The associated vegetation is coming over boundary walls and eating into the mortar causing damage.

There has been no maintenance of continued sapling growth - some directly next to boundary walls are now at height.

The mature/largest trees are within 4m of boundaries and some 10m of buildings - their root growth poses risk of significant damage to foundations/boundaries/buildings.

The trees directly behind me grow from some 10/15ft height above ground level and if they fall, will cause significant damage to property/person either to our houses or the store.

While I appreciate that this isn't necessarily a reason for objection, the household who raised these issues and pressed for legal action to be taken on the developer, no longer live here. They aren't effected by the trees nor their impact on this row of houses.

My request, would be that the TPO is removed. The developer/retailer should be free to continue carrying out that, and any further works without the need for planning applications. There are far more worthy tree lines in close proximity to here that would benefit from that, but don't have immediate proximity to residential gardens/building/boundaries. There are multiple areas of beautiful natural woodland in our direct locality (Barbers Field, All along the river/train line, Millhouses park and Hutcliffe Wood to name but a few).

Thank-you for time and I trust this objection will be taken to committee. If you require any further information please let me know.

yours sincerely

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