

Document Reference A
Support Statement for Felling of Tree
21 Bushy Mead, Widley, PO7 5DY



I own 21 Bushy Mead and there is a large Lombardy Poplar, which has a TPO, at the rear of my garden, backing on to Deverell Place. This application to fell the tree, relates to this Poplar.

When removing a hedge and erecting a fence at the rear of my garden in February 2014, Hampshire County Council used mechanical equipment and dug down within the root protection area of the tree.

This incident was reported by me to Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council. Jamie Gargett (Arboriculture Officer, Havant Borough Council) and Mark Weal (Arboriculture Officer, Hampshire County Highways) have both been out to investigate the incident and examine the tree. I believe that both Jamie and Mark are appropriate experts in their summary that they support the felling of the tree.

I have enclosed copies of the emails from the Council for reference in 'Document Reference B'.

I have not obtained an addition tree surgeon report as I believe the evidence from the neighbours regarding the tree history and its change of leaning position is clear enough, along with the statements from the council's own Arboriculture Officers as experts.

In addition to this, the neighbours at the end of my garden in Deverell Place, closest the tree, have raised their concerns to me about this tree. They have produced a statement to evidence that the tree is now leaning over more than it has before and they are concerned of the damage it will cause if it falls. It will certainly take out one if not more of their houses, endangering life and property as we all feel this tree is too large for the built up area it is in. Neighbours have said that large branches have fallen off the tree and a lorry could not get by recently, raising concerns if this was a fire engine on an emergency.

The tree roots have also grown out in to the highway of Deverell Place, causing an obstruction and the pavement unable to be continuous path.

I would therefore welcome formal approval for the tree to be felled as soon as possible due to it being damaged and its potential danger due to leaning.

The felling of the Lombardy Poplar has the support of:

- Myself, Clair Payne, The home owner and tree owner
- Closest neighbours at 25, 55 and 51 Deverell Place
- Council Arboriculture Officers (Havant and Hampshire, appropriate experts)

Signed by

Clair Payne
Owner 21 Bushy Mead
14.4.14