

Objection to APP/26/00406

1. The schedule attached to TPO 2054 shows the full scope of the TPO 2054 and T1 is identified on it.
2. The Oak tree exhibits all the characteristics of a veteran oak and it is reasonable to assume that the order was placed to protect its visual and environmental value. The photographs in the above Application demonstrate the veteran characteristics of Tree T1
3. Veteran trees are recognised as irreplaceable habitats and local authorities are discouraged from allowing development that may damage them or destroy them. The decay provides microhabitats that are irreplaceable and cannot be quickly recreated.
4. An attached map highlights 4 trees adjacent to LCL and Wraysbury Park Drive. Only one is on Hollybank House Land. There is no indication on the map of the tree in question. The map is misleading and should be amended or clarified. The extent of TPO2054 should also be clear on the map.
5. Having observed the tree for [REDACTED] the claim that the crown has deteriorated by more than 40% is not plausible. The tree suffered storm damage, e.g. 1987 but remains healthy. The tree leans but could be rebalanced to protect it with some reasonable trimming.
6. Should the tree unexpectedly fall, there is no danger to the LCL highway or passing users of the lane. The owner of the Tree has full access to the land to allow regular inspection of the tree's health.
7. The tree has become a feature of LCL. The tree loss would be very visible, and residents and recreational users denied some of the benefits of the countryside aspect of the Lane. Veteran oaks are recognised as having visual value.
8. The Applicant is a contractor from Waterlooville. There is no indication of the Sponsors of the project, i.e. who is paying and who is accountable for damage

during its removal or the removal of an incorrect tree, c.f. the imprecise map.

9. A portion of the application has been redacted with no reason given

10. There is no planning notice near to the tree and the Link on the paper notice does not work. More time should be given for responses to the Application and notices posted in visible places near to the tree.