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Regarding TPO456

Dear Mark Berry:

I am writing in response to the Tree Preservation Order TP0456 9 Lynwood Road, Epsom, KT17 4LF.

I object to the order on the following grounds.

- The trees identified have not been shown to be of high amenity value.
- The perceived risk of being cut down or pruned inappropriately, is unfounded. This is because
 - Proposed works to be carried out have been done via consultation of a professional arborist.
 - Proposed works have followed due process for trees within conservation area.
 - No tree works have been commissioned that are contrary to the conservation area restrictions.
 - As residents, we are trying to improve both the condition and visual appearance of the trees in keeping with a property of interest. All the trees on the property have been neglected by previous owner for many decades, and significant funds are being invested to rectify this. There is a vested interest for the owners to maintain and protect the trees identified which is counter to them being at risk.
 - As residents, we have (and continue) attempted to work with the council to reach an amicable approach to tree works. This is not an approach which is consistent with



persons putting trees at risk of inappropriate works. The delay in achieving a resolution has been due to council resource availability.

- The trees are already sufficiently protected by the conservation area they are contained. This in effect makes the order a redundant cost to council resources.
- 3 of the trees in their current state present a high risk of danger to public and property (namely parked cars) due to falling debris. It is noted that large branches have already fallen from the trees, particularly over periods of high winds and storms.
- The trees in their current condition reduce rather than contribute to a council identified property of interest from contributing to the public appearance of the surrounding area.
- Lime trees require significantly more maintenance due to their high growth rate. This would become unnecessarily cost prohibitive and burdensome under a TPO for residents to facilitate maintenance works.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Lockwood', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nick Lockwood