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Date: 7th September 2012

Dear Mr Harvey

Re: Tree Preservation Order no.504 (2012)

Thank you for your letter dated 23rd August 2012.

In your letter, you have made a formal objection to the above tree preservation order citing your principal reason for objection as *'trees are of poor quality'*.

Certainly, there are trees which are dead or in a poor overall condition; these trees were not included within the order. Those that have been identified within the First Schedule of TPO no.504 (2012) are of a condition, remaining longevity and public visibility and as such carry sufficient overall amenity value to justify their inclusion. We consider them to be under sufficient 'threat' to warrant serving them with a tree preservation order.

A tree preservation order does not prevent 'good arboriculture practice', tree work that has an identifiable and justifiable need and work that is carried out in compliance to current British Standards of Best Practice - BS 3998 (2010) Tree work – recommendations.

We as the local planning authority would be happy to receive and review any management plan for the trees in question. Proposed tree works would of course have to be agreed in writing, with the exception of the removal of deadwood which does not require consent.

Yours sincerely,

Maxine Knagg
Tree Protection Officer
On behalf of Lancaster City Council