

Low House Farm

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23.08.2012

Andrew Dobson

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Dear Sir,

Tree Preservation Order 504(2012)

I wish to place on record my objection to the above TPO. The trees are of a poor quality. Some are dead and others are splitting or propping each other up. They are in need of pruning which I understand the Trustees of the Poor's Land Charity were planning to do since the Fishing Rights lease with the L&DAA is coming to an end. Having farmed in the Lune Valley all my life I know that if the willows are not kept in check they fall into the river taking the bank with them. This will lead to a loss of land and therefore loss of grazing for my stock and loss of income for the Charity. I understand the Charity does not intend to remove all the willows but put in place a proper management programme. Decisions on how to deal with day to day problems regarding river bank management often need immediate solutions. By placing the TPO on trees of a questionable quality the bank management could be put in jeopardy.

I trust you will take these comments into consideration when making your decision.

Yours faithfully,



John Harvey

Copies to:

Maxine Knagg, Tree Protection Officer

Cllr K Budden, Chairman of Planning