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Sent: 29 October 2016 14:59
To: Elizabeth Kerr
Subject: Land to the rear of Nicholson Terrace Forest Hall [Scanned]

As a resident of Nicholson Terrace for 43 years I and many others are delighted the trees have been cut down the result is I now have light in my kitchen and bathroom I can now park my car at the rear we now have a lamppost that lights the back lane apart from birds the only other wildlife I have seen is Rats

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8/11/16

For the attention of Mrs E A KERR
With regard to the (land at rear of Nicholson Terrace, Forest Hall)
Tree preservation order. 2016.

We agree that the recent removal of trees at the rear of Nicholson Terrace was excessive. However we have lived in our property since 1994 and with the exception of the Sycamore tree all the trees/roses at the rear of 73, Woodlands Grange have always been kept tidy and to a manageable height. They have been trimmed back to maintain the overall look of a high hedge. This has also kept privacy to both our property and that of the facing properties in Nicholson Terrace and to date this has never been objected to by residents in Nicholson Terrace.

Keeping the Trees + Roses at this height has provided a safe nesting site for birds as well as providing a food source in Autumn + Winter.

We would like to object to not being able to maintain this hedge as we have always done. We would like to be able to have the Trees + Roses cut to a maximum 12 feet no more than twice a year and keep them tidy.

I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours faithfully


From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 November 2016 11:05
To: Democratic Support
Cc: Elizabeth Kerr
Subject: Objection to Tree Preservation Order [Scanned]

Re: The Council of the Borough of North Tyneside (Land to the rear of Nicholson Terrace, Forest Hall) Tree Preservation Order 2016

On moving to 35 Woodlands Grange in May of this year, one of our first tasks was to ascertain just who owned, and were therefore responsible, for the trees and other overgrown vegetation that grew in the tract of land between our western fence boundary and another parallel fenced boundary on the Nicholson Terrace side. Our solicitor had already tried to answer this question prior to our moving in but found it difficult to come up with a definitive answer.

The main reason for determining ownership was largely related to the totally overgrown and unattended nature of the vegetation. Many branches encroached onto the side of our property, soffits and gutters were being damaged and windy conditions really made matters worse. In addition, the lack of natural light being allowed to penetrate our back garden was extremely significant. Our initial course of action was to contact North Tyneside Council. The Council were extremely helpful and understanding and stated that two of their representatives would call to discuss and evaluate the matter. This occurred but we were assured by the Council representatives that the land in question was not owned by the Council and therefore the Council had no part to play in the management of the offending vegetation. They also pointed out that no preservation order existed on the trees in question.

Our next recourse of action was to contact National Power Grid (mainly because there is a small sub-station situated just over the fence adjoining Nicholson Terrace). Again, NPG representatives were extremely helpful and quick to respond but also claimed that the land in question had nothing to do with them.

From talking to neighbours, we knew that in the early 2000's the original builders of Woodlands Grange - Leach Homes - sold out to Persimmon Homes. We contacted Persimmon, who were also extremely

helpful. They 'did not think' the land had anything to do with themselves, that I should make all relevant Land Registry investigations, and IF it turned out that the land was their responsibility, we could go ahead with whatever management of the vegetation we wanted, but at OUR own expense.

At this stage, and of course, at our own expense, we contacted a local Tree management company who came along and did a wonderful job professionally of cutting everything back to manageable proportions. We were immediately thanked profusely, and in person, by residents of Nicholson Terrace - for the first time in over twenty years they saw the morning sunshine, and in the darkness at night the street lights on their terrace were actually effective!

We believe that any environmentalist viewing the state of things now (compared to what existed before) would be supportive of and impressed with the changes. Wildlife is abundant and flourishes and the aesthetics for all have improved considerably.

All this begs the question, why is the Council wanting to now have a say in the management of this whole tract of land, even to the extent of imposing a tree preservation order (albeit it for a six month trial)? Is the Council now stating that the control of this vegetation is their responsibility? If so, are we due a refund for the work we have had carried out? Surely there is a huge anomaly if the Council claim the vegetation (and Land) in this tract has 'nothing to do with them' yet seemingly have the power to control and impose legislation relating to the independent management of this area?

Answers to these questions will be gratefully received and appreciated.

Patrick and Jennifer Keenan

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