

**Subject:** FW: 19/04251/TCO, 13 Dalrymple Crescent.

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Dear Graham,

**19/04251/TCO, 13 Dalrymple Crescent. Large boundary tree 1 - Removal, Large boundary tree 2 - Removal, Large boundary tree 3 - Removal, Large fir tree – Removal.**

This proposal involves the removal of two substantial lime trees, a mature Norway maple and a less well-grown yew (the so-called fir).

Three of these trees, the limes and the Norway maple, were the subject of an earlier proposal, published on 13<sup>th</sup> May, to reduce their crowns by 30%. I e-mailed you briefly about that application. The council's decision on that was 'not make a TPO'. The

work on the limes was carried out to a high standard, maintaining the attractive appearance of the trees, in spite of the fact that the reduction in height might constitute 'topping'. Topping was explicitly proscribed by the decision.

With reference to the new application to fell these trees, the Grange Association would be greatly concerned if the council were to allow it to happen. As we regularly point out, lime trees are an important part of the character of the Grange. These two trees form part of a line of limes running along the W. side of Findhorn Place and, although all the trees have been cut back in the past, they are an important visual feature.

The limes are growing very close to the boundary wall, and beside one of them the wall is cracked. But the crack is by no means new and the wall is not significantly distorted, so there is little or no possibility of the wall falling. There are lime twigs growing through the crack, but these could be prevented from widening it by cutting them through on the inside.

The Norway maple is less of a visual feature from the public road, but it is a shapely tree of some size. The trunk leans slightly towards the rear boundary wall of the property, but it hardly comes closer than 2ft. The wall appears completely intact and we see no reason to remove it - there is certainly no 'safety risk'.

The yew is a much smaller tree than either the limes or the maple and is not particularly shapely or conspicuous. It is growing much closer to the house and for that reason it is unlikely to grow into an attractive specimen. We would not make a case for preserving it.

I hope these comments help.

Regards,

P.P.

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