

## Appendix 4



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Dear Ross,

#### **Tree Preservation Order No 916**

#### **Tree on verge adjacent to Victoria Court, St Katherine's Way, Totnes**

Totnes Town Council has noted the objection to the above named TPO and would like to express its strong disagreement with this. The Council would like the tree to be preserved for the following reasons:

The deciduous trees are benefiting from the protection of the coniferous tree and the wind will get to the Horse Chestnut without the protection of the conifer. It is also questionable as to whether or not the Walnut could be described as a "fine specimen."

As this the tree is on "orphan" land we do not see that it is the business of DCH to remove it. It is not possible that the tree can be damaging the wall as it is too far away (See photo). However, the tangle of weeds and brambles will move in if the Leylandii is removed and this may damage the wall instead.

The Leylandii is a beautiful tree and steadfast, an evergreen which provides shelter for wildlife and greenery for the winter. It is capable of absorbing up to 48lbs of carbon dioxide per year and can sequester 1 ton of CO<sub>2</sub> by the time it is 40. Given that the tree is alongside an area of heavy traffic, we consider this to be important.

The tree is undoubtedly tapping into the natural spring under the road and will therefore have no problem living a long and healthy life. It has a very solid base and trunk and is not going to fall down. (see photo) Apart from a snobbish dislike of Leylandii, we see no reason to remove it.

Our councillors have canvassed local residents and they are all in favour of the tree remaining.

We would be grateful for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

Helen Nathanson - Town Clerk