

**Ticehurst Farm,
Tostock,
Nr. Bury St. Edmunds.
Suffolk.
IP30 9PH**

24th April 2017.

Dear Mr Pizzey

As the owner of Ticehurst Farm I object to the TPO – BT00413 – which you wish to place on the sequoia tree I asked to fell.

I have, for many years, considered the wisdom of allowing this tree to grow so close to my home. It now stands three times the height of the house and is only 10 metres away from the front wall. After Storm Doris I felt it was time to act and asked David Franklin, arboricultural manager, of Urban Forestry to call and assess the damage. He said all three branches brought down were either diseased or damaged and the void left in the canopy created a vortex for future strong wind damage. He also felt owing to the age of the tree it would be impossible to assess the soundness of the branches remaining even on close inspection. One particular large branch which can be seen from the ground has a large deep fissure running on the underside indicating a fault and would cause considerable damage when it falls bringing down the telephone wires yet again. He said the tree was of low amenity value and growing so close to the house was a danger to the property and felling was the best option.

At the annual Parish Council Meeting last week in Tostock village the proposal to fell the tree was raised and it was a unanimous decision that the tree should be felled as it was dangerous. Not one person present felt it should remain standing.

You state in your reason for a TPO that the tree is well-established and I would agree with that as it is around 160+ years old but the high amenity value is not true as the only people to see the tree are myself and my neighbour and obviously from the Parish Meeting the village residents are not bothered. I cannot understand why you value a replaceable tree above a Grade II listed house built in 1399. If the tree fell during a hurricane it would flatten the house and kill any people sheltering within, the roots, which I understand, stretch as far as the height of the tree would cause the tarmac on the road to be lifted and my neighbours house would also suffer some root damage.

The sequoia tree belongs in parkland where it can be enjoyed by all and not present any danger to buildings and people.

Sincerely

Diane Bauly

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