



13th December 2024

Re; Cheshire East Borough Council (Knutsford – 82 King Street) Tree Preservation Order

We are writing to you as a local business occupying part the area affected by the Preservation Order placed on the Lime Tree at Leaks Terrace, 82 Kings Street Knutsford on 5th December 2024.

Whilst we welcome the commitment of the local government in recognising the importance of trees in the area, it is in the spirit of concern for all the immediate surroundings and public that we are contacting you to raise several significant Health and Safety issues this tree is now causing.

The height and size now cause great concern from a health and safety perspective for many reasons.

The Tree causes frequent damage to the surrounding properties due to the extent of the root expanse and the overhanging canopy of both the large and small branches.

The overhanging branches are also a constant threat of falling on to members of the public.

The latter is also a constant concern for local company staff members, who park their cars in the area on a daily basis.

The blanket of fallen leaves in the autumn poses a huge slip hazard on pathways and alley stairwells used regularly by our staff, local school children and other members of the public.

By removing the tree, it would open up a piece of land within the town centre for development purposes, which is eminently more sensible.

We would appreciate all the above being taken into consideration and are hoping that the council will now considering putting health and safety before the preservation of the tree.

We therefore would support the removal of the tree and would like to express our objection to the preservation notice placed on it.

We will be more than happy to attend a more formal meeting with yourselves or your representatives to express our concerns if necessary.

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

