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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Our ref: AM/789897 (TPO 172)  
Your ref:

**This matter is being dealt with by:** Your details

Dear Sir,

RE: TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 172, LAND BETWEEN 20 WOODSIDE GROVE  
AND 1 CRANBORNE, EAST HERRINGTON.

I refer to your representation, received 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, submitted in relation to the Council's intention to make a Tree Preservation Order (no. 172) in respect of the trees at Woodside Grove/Cranborne, East Herrington. I would like to offer the following comments and information.

The Council does not agree with your assertion that the trees in question are 'of no particular merit' as they are 'semi mature' and of 'poor quality'. The value of the trees has been thoroughly assessed by the Council, with input from an independent **Arboriculturalist**, and it is considered that the trees are of very good form and quality and that they make a significant positive contribution to the amenity of the locality. The age of the trees also means they have the potential to benefit the amenity of the area for a significant period of time.

**Whilst the trees may not be of 'significant' ecological value, the Council considers that the** quality and amenity value of the trees is such that the making of a Tree Preservation Order is justified.

With regard to your offer to replace the trees elsewhere on the site, or at another location, the Council is of the view that such a procedure would only result in the amenity of the area being diminished by virtue of the existing trees being lost, particularly as any

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replacement trees would take a significant period of time to reach a condition whereby their quality and value equalled that of the existing specimens.

I trust the above clarifies the Council's views in respect of this matter, however please don't hesitate to contact Mr Browning using the details below if you require any further information or assistance.

Yours faithfully

Peter McIntyre  
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