

Home Farm  
Old Great North Road  
Great Casterton

Mr. N Thrower  
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Dear Mr. Thrower,

**PROVISIONAL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**  
**HOME FARM, OLD GREAT NORTH ROAD, GREAT CASTERTON**

I wish to appeal against the Tree Preservation Order for two Common Limes on my property, which is within the Great Casterton Conservation Area.

As explained in Planning Application 2016/0443/CAT these trees are old, in poor condition and have signs of disease. Recently branches have fallen off in high winds and even in good weather there is a constant quantity of debris falling from them. Two nearby Lime Trees were felled in a previous planning application. These trees are adjacent to the Old Great North Road (B1081) close to other houses and consequently can be viewed by the public. In front of them, adjacent to the street are the remains of an ancient stonewall.

Government Planning Practice Guidance states that Local Authorities should use TPOs to protect selected trees if their removal would have a significant negative impact on the local environment and its enjoyment by the public. Their protection should bring a reasonable degree of public benefit in the present or future.

Unlike the larger Lime trees further down the Conservation Area this criterion does not apply to these trees. They are smaller, less well formed and in considerably worse condition. Their presence fails to enhance this part of the Conservation Area, which has an untidy air about it.

When one considers their amenity value, this type of tree is a common one; it does not have any rarity, cultural or historic value

other than its size. Indeed large numbers of them have been felled over the last 20 years in neighbouring Stamford and adjacent to the Ryhall Road in Great Casterton to allow development.

It has been many years since these particular trees were under good arboricultural or silvicultural management: an important requirement for a Conservation Area. They have no future potential as an amenity within the Great Casterton Conservation Area nor do they contribute to its character: they are a detrimental asset. All the adjacent householders and the Pub have complained about their state and they can see no benefit in them. There is a petition for their removal circulating at the moment.

Government Planning Practice further states that old trees need renewal from time to time and the planting of new trees enhances and safeguards an area as well as providing tranquility and taste to the street scene or open land. The huge renewal of old trees in Burghley Park is but one example of this.

Two or three new and partially mature trees planted in the same area would enhance the Conservation Area and make a contribution towards its character. In addition it would allow the ancient stonewall in front of them to be more easily rebuilt and safeguard an ingress of roots into the BT telephone trench.

I would be happy to implement this.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Lamb