Rebecca Turner

From: Rebecca Turner
Sent: 09 November 2026 10:01
To: 'nathan hudson'; Cumbriatreesurveys Co Info
Subject: RE: TPO Objection KWA/HUDS0028.0001 / Salterforth

Dear Mr Hudson,

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to your letter and accompanying arboricultural report.

The Council acknowledges the arboricultural report submitted by Cumbria Tree Surveys on your behalf and has carefully considered the points raised regarding the suitability of the woodland for protection under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

Following a site inspection and Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) assessment, the Council remains of the view that the woodland warrants statutory protection due to its collective amenity value, public visibility and long-term contribution to the surrounding landscape.

The Council acknowledges the existing legislation and guidance referenced within the report. However, these do not remove the Council's powers to make a Tree Preservation Order under Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, where it is considered expedient in the interests of amenity.

Whilst the Council recognises the change in ownership and the measures reportedly introduced to prevent unauthorised access, private ownership alone does not provide statutory protection against future tree removal or inappropriate works. A TPO safeguards public amenity over the long term, regardless of ownership or management intentions.

The Council acknowledges that some trees are affected by ash dieback. However, the woodland comprises a mixture of species, many of which show no significant signs of decline. The Council therefore considers its condition score of 4 appropriate when assessing the woodland collectively.

The Council also disagrees with the consultant's estimated retention span of 20–40 years. The woodland contains predominantly young and semi-mature trees, many approximately 20–25 years old, with the potential to remain a valuable landscape feature for many decades. The Council therefore considers its retention span score of 5 appropriate.

The Council disagrees with the consultant's assessment that the woodland is visible only with difficulty. During the site inspection, the woodland was observed to be visible from Kelbrook Road, Colne Road, public footpaths and the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Whilst some views are partially screened, the woodland remains a prominent feature within the surrounding landscape and contributes positively to the character and appearance of the area. The Council therefore considers its public visibility score of 4 justified.

The woodland also forms an attractive and cohesive group of trees with the potential to develop further as it matures. The Council's TEMPO assessment awarded a score of 4 for other factors, resulting in an overall amenity score of 17, compared with the consultant's score of 8.

During the Council's initial site inspection, evidence of previous tree works was observed, including felled trees, stacked timber and brash. These observations were considered when assessing the expediency of making the Order.

Although the Council acknowledges that measures have reportedly been introduced to restrict access, this does not necessarily eliminate the potential for future works affecting the woodland. The Council's TEMPO assessment recorded an expediency score of 5. The Council considers that the evidence observed, alongside the woodland's public amenity value, supports the need for statutory protection.

The Council supports the consultant's recommendations for appropriate woodland management, including the removal of diseased or declining trees where justified, replanting and regular inspections.
A Tree Preservation Order does not prevent responsible woodland management. Where consent is required, applications can be submitted for consideration, allowing necessary works to take place whilst safeguarding the woodland's long-term amenity value.

Having considered the objections raised, the Council remains of the view that the woodland warrants protection under a Tree Preservation Order.

The woodland makes a positive contribution to the surrounding landscape, is visible from several public locations and has the potential for long-term retention. The Council considers that its loss would have a detrimental impact on the visual amenity and character of the area.

The objection and supporting arboricultural report will be presented to the West Craven Committee in December, where Members will consider the representations received and determine whether the Tree Preservation Order should be confirmed.

You will be notified of the outcome following the Committee's decision.

Kind regards
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Good afternoon Miss Turner,

I hope you are having a pleasant week.

I am writing to formally submit my objection regarding the TPO on the land at the side of Kelbrook Road, Salterforth, which I own. Please find a digital copy of my objection report attached to this email.

For your convenience, I have also sent hard copies directly to your Pendle office.

Many Thanks Nathan Hudson

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