8th July 2022.

The Fylde Borough Council Tree Preservation Order 2022/0003 Land North of Mill Lane Elswick, PR4 3ZH.

Dear Sir,

I am writing with concerns regarding the above proposed Tree Preservation Order.

Firstly are we not shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted. The contractor (Create Homes) has already cut down around ten of these trees in order to gain access to the site.

If you are serious about this Tree Preservation Order, then consideration should be given to the location of the houses being built adjacent to these trees. i.e. at least 3 / 4 houses by tree T2 should not be built in the location proposed on the current plans but should be relocated in a different position on the site. The very deep foundations of these houses potentially will damage the tree roots. Also the trees are in danger of mechanical equipment causing damage the lower branches during construction of these houses.

Along this edge of the field (West boundary) close to tree T2 there are plans to install a drainage pipe which will also damage the tree roots of this tree, another reason to relocate some of these houses.

The above applies to all of the trees, in fact a green space should be allowed by all of these trees in the Proposed Preservation Order. The site is plenty big enough to fit the 50 houses on and consideration should be given to relocate 4 or 5 of these houses away from the trees.

In conclusion if the tree preservation of these trees is to be taken seriously then the layout of these houses especially close to tree T2 needs to be revisited. There is plenty of room on this site to accommodate 50 houses, and repositioning 4 or 5 houses should not be a problem.

Yours Sincerely

R. E. Gapp.