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Dear Ms Johnstone,

Tree Preservation Order No. 243/2017.

Thank you for your letter of the 30th March and for sending the above order.

I am the joint owner along with my brother of the ground/fields that I have outlined in red on the enclosed plan and which fall within the remit of the order and I would make the following observations and would request the the Order is not confirmed in its present form:

- The Order is taking a broad brush to an area without taking any regard to the area itself and the individual trees and types of trees.
- Many of the trees are beech which are reaching the end of their life and some of which are affected by beech disease and as such should be excluded from the Order.
- The area of firs circled in blue were in fact planted by myself some 50 years ago as Christmas trees but never used and once again are coming to the end of their life span.
- Some of the younger beech will undoubtably need to be thinned in the near future and the Order will cause unnecessary additional work for an otherwise routine schedule of work.
- Lastly your own Council have been actively pursuing the need for a new link road for north Cults that if progressed will go thru the centre of the area and will require the removal of some trees.
- If there is to be an Order it should be after consultation with affected proprietors and agreement reached as to which trees should be protected and as is normally the case the trees would be identified on a map attached to the Order to avoid unnecessary work in the future with the normal management of the trees!

Yours faithfully,

J. lan Collie.

