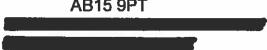


Morkeu Cults Aberdeen AB15 9PT



Planning and Environment Team Legal and Democratic Services Marischal College Aberdeen AB10 1AB 23rd March 2017

Dear Ms Johnstone.

We were sent, on the 2nd March, the Tree Preservation Order no 248/2017, in respect of land at Greenridge, Craigton Road, Aberdeen. We understand we have twenty eight days to object.

As you are now aware, from my recent e-mail, the land outlined on the map accompanying the TPO has four owners. The majority of the land, the two fields adjacent to Greenridge and Dove Cottage, and the two large fields to the west and north of Greenridge are owned by Mr George and Mr Ian Collie. When questioned by Ross Maclellan, of CALA homes who we informed as they have an option on the land, they had had no such order sent to them. I gather you will be rectifying this.

Our significantly smaller property at Morkeu, includes a small wood, Corby Tap, trees in the garden and drive to the house. We have planted screening trees dividing our two small fields from those of the Collie's. The estate trees on our land are mainly Beech well over 100years old. Not surprisingly we have had problems with fallen limbs and falling trees in the winds, but we have been monitoring and dealing with the results sympathetically over the past 16 years. None of our trees are of public interest. We have no wish to ever develop our land, as had initially been the case at Greenridge. As you are aware BP have now decided not to sell land to the developers, their decision having been made before the TPO was served. We were under the impression that with the change in their decision there would be no need for such an order. We have been left somewhat confused!

Our trees require regular management for the safety of my children, grandchildren, horses dogs and cats who are using the fields, garden and driveway! The Tree Preservation Order, we feel, would be totally unnecessary and if anything dangerous with the delays in obtaining assessment and permission for dealing with potential problems.

We would be very grateful if you would take the above into consideration before including Morkeu in the Tree Preservation Order No 243/2017

Yours sincerely

(Dr M.A. Ratchine)

