



Our Ref: WDC TPO 358/2004

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Dear Sir/Madam

Over the last three years, East Suffolk Council has been carrying out a review of all Tree Preservation Orders in the former Waveney District Council area. Where appropriate, the former TPOs are being replaced with new Orders to ensure that the paperwork is fully up to date and compliant with current legislation. In these cases, the trees concerned are in sound and healthy condition and they continue to make a positive contribution to local public amenity. In other cases, these requirements have not been met and trees perhaps are of poor health and structural quality, and/or make only a limited contribution to public amenity at best.

We are therefore removing WDC TPO 358/2004 Land rear of 1-5 Thoroughfare, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 8AH. T1 of the original order was removed under an exemption for safety reasons, T2 theoretically qualifies for TPO status but it is within the Halesworth Conservation Area, which provides suitable protection.

In some instances, trees that were once covered by TPO are also located within a Conservation Area and this in itself effectively gives the same protection as a TPO until such time as someone submits a new Notice of intent to carry out tree works and which the Council considers to be unacceptable, in which case a new TPO can be served to prevent the works taking place.

For these reasons, in whole or in part, it has been decided that a new TPO will not be served in respect to your property. This does not mean that your trees are not necessarily important, it's just that they do not meet the criteria required to justify TPO status. On that basis I am writing to inform you that the TPO that formerly applied to your property no longer exists in law and you are free to manage your tree(s) as you wish without the need for formal permission from the Council.

Yours faithfully,

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