

Your REF. C13 TPO 191

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Dear Mr Bennett

I was allowed until 15th APRIL 2005 to ^{NR} notify Mr EGAN if I wished to exercise my right to speak at the meeting of the Development Control Committee meeting, on 29th APRIL 2005, when TPO 191 is to be discussed. Mr Egan's notification was accompanied by 4 pages of gobbledygook, the gist of which, could be more unfairly aimed in my direction i.e. I have to play the game by your rules, with which I have no familiarity so there is little point in my attending that meeting. My advancing years and retreating sharpness would also work to my disadvantage. Accordingly, I seek the following by means of writing rather than exercising my right to speak.

① Although the D.C.C. decides to visit sites, it is my earnest wish that it visits this site, otherwise it can condemn two geriatric septuagenarians to live in the fear that, people, including themselves, may be killed, by two enormous trees if TPO 191 is allowed to exist. Those trees are next to the access drive, used by any visitors to the house, which, if the trees fall in a different direction, will flatten. If the D.C.C. does not visit the site it means its decision will be the rubber stamping of the opinion and decision of one person i.e. a Tree Officer. What is the point of electing Councillors if the government of the city is carried out, IN EFFECT, by UNELECTED, PAID OFFICIALS? Do I live in a democracy or not?

② I should be grateful if the Chair of the D.C.C. would notify me of the decision regarding TPO 191 confirming therein that the D.C.C. knows the contents of the letters I have written, seen the photograph I have sent and has taken all my objections and reputations into account

③ You state in your letter of 13th APRIL 2005 that it is not yet proved conclusively that global warming is actually happening. I always understood that global warming was another name for CLIMATE CHANGE, WHICH IS DEFINITELY HAPPENING. INCIDENTS OF SEVERE WEATHER ARE INCREASING IN FREQUENCY.

OBVIOUSLY, TREES POSE A GREATER THREAT OF DANGER SUCH A THREAT CANNOT BE, SHOULD NOT BE, IGNORED.

REMOVE THE THREAT = REMOVE THE DANGER. Please do not take my word for it, ask the inhabitants of a particular area of Davon, or the Warwick Road area of Carlisle, or

SRI LANKA and INDONESIA ETC. WHY HAS THE LONDON BARRAGE
THAMES FLOOD BARRIER been used 18 times in three years instead of
the once forecast?

It is a fact that there has been an increase in the number of severe
gales. I have lived at this property for nearly 30 years. Until 7 years
ago there were no trees blown down and no limbs of trees shredded.
My earlier letter outlined the incidents of shredded limbs and fallen
trees. You claim these incidents are not foreseeable. Try living here
and you would not suffer from such self-delusion. Perhaps you
will not want to recall that I told you that one particular tree
would shed one branch. I was wrong - IT SHREDDED TWO! I
did some foreseeing, did I not?

③ The police recommended the removal of trees from close to the
house. The police obviously believe in the ^{making} situation more difficult
for burglars by removing cover for their approach. For you to
say the removal of such cover will not prevent i.e. deter criminals
from carrying out their intention, flies in the face of common sense.
The D.C.C. is fortunate to have such as you to guide it - not
only a Tree Officer but an expert in crime prevention to boot!

④ I seek the acknowledgment of the D.C.C. that I have spent
an inordinate amount of time writing letters etc. because I am
concerned about the dangers caused by the trees in question. I
have no interest in the theories of Tree Officers or anyone else,
when I have the experience of living here and seeing the consequences
of falling trees. lucky, so far, BUT will luck hold if TPO
191 is enforced?

Yours sincerely,

B. Clare

MR. B. CLARE.

YOUR REF CB/TPO 191

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TPO 191 22ND APRIL 2005

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Enclosed please find copy of a clipping from a national newspaper, the Daily Mail today's date. I wish the DCC to be made aware of its contents as further refutation of your claim that global warming, i.e. CLIMATE CHANGE, has not been proved to exist. Mr. Battersby is claiming changes in mowing patterns because grass is growing at a faster rate. I reckon trees are emulating the grass. The trees are thus top heavy and therefore more vulnerable to being propped in the increasing number of gales. Is Chris Prior right? Surely (as head of Horticultural Sciences at the RHS) he should be right in his comments about higher levels of carbon dioxide ~~are~~ those caused by global warming - or climate change? To side 2

I am sure I can trust you to inform the DCC of the views of the experts quoted in this article. Even tho' they contradict your attempts to prove me wrong. I suggest they prove you to be incorrect. The trees at Avalon are growing faster, the number of gales ~~is~~ increasing. ERGO, danger from these trees is also increasing. REMOVE TREES → NO DANGER

Yours sincerely
B. Clare

Mr. B. CLARE,

Global warming leaves grass cutters on the verge of a strike

THERE have been many apocalyptic warnings about the effects of global warming.

But the problem has had a more mundane impact on the parks and verges of one city.

The grass is growing more quickly, leaving civic gardeners in Carlisle poised to go on strike after having their hours increased to cope.

Officials said warmer and wetter weather has led to a quarter more growth than in 1990.

This has extended the cutting season, meaning lawns and verges need trimming 15 times a year instead of 12.

New contracts compel the gardeners to work a 44-hour week during the spring and

By Dan Parkinson

summer instead of their traditional 37 hours a week. But the staff are unhappy, saying the updated work patterns are forcing them to walk up to five miles extra every day with their mowers to keep the grass trim.

Council gardener Mick Walsh said yesterday: 'It's already affecting the workforce. People are getting tired, and irritable.'

'It's a hard job. In a typical day, we walk many, many miles.'

'The extra hours during spring and summer would add an extra five miles walking to our day.'

'Two lads took early retirement because of this.'

'They couldn't see them-

selves being able to walk 30 miles a day.' The 34 gardeners will be able to claim back the extra hours, but only during the chillier months when the grass stops growing.

Carlisle's environment director Mike Battersby found mowing patterns set up 15 years ago were out of date.

According to his report outlining the impact of climate change: 'The grass cutting season has been considerably extended in recent years.'

'The first cut is undertaken in early to mid-March and the final cut in November.'

'The rate of grass growth in May, June and September has been higher in recent years.'

Chris Prior, head of horticul-

tural sciences at the Royal Horticultural Society, backed the council's verdict.

He said higher levels of carbon dioxide, needed by plants to make nutrients, could explain the faster growth.

'We will definitely see more and more lawnmowers out this summer,' he said.

'You only have to look out of the window to see grass is growing earlier each year. It's down to climate change.'

'The climate is warmer and wetter so grass is thriving.'

'Generally speaking, if you put the level of carbon dioxide up, you get faster growth because that's what grass needs to grow.'

Grass growth - also influenced by heat, moisture and light - is limited in winter by the cold weather.

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