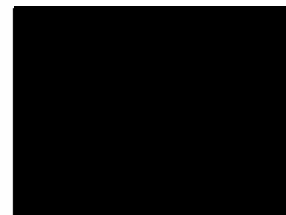


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24<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Dear Mr Ball,

**Re: Tree Preservation Order No 929 : The Broadway Stanmore.**

Further to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> of January, I can confirm that I am the present owner of the property that is affected by the TPO placed on the two trees at the rear of the property.

As you are aware, Boys and Girls Nursery's, have applied for and received planning permission to change the use of the present offices into a pre-school nursery. Part of their remit was to convert part of the rear car park into a play and muster area. This was to be an important and integral part of what was to be offered to prospective parents.

With the placement of the TPO's on the two trees at the rear, has had caused for the company to possibly pull out of the deal and look for alternative premises. I have had the property on the open market since August 2007, in this time of in-occupancy, the property which is of great historical importance to the village and Borough of Harrow, is falling into disrepair and is a constantly threatened by vandals breaking windows and dubbing graffiti on the walls.

The tree's in question have no aesthetic or amenity value, as they are not seen from the main road or adjoining properties. During the winter month's the leaf fall causes blockages to the drains and gutters, which are very difficult to keep clear and reaching the higher gutters has caused for very old and brittle tiles to be broken, all of which has lead to damp to the roof beams and rear walls.

With the removal of Business rate relief for empty properties, I have had to make payments that I can ill afford whilst receiving no rental income and with the current economic climate I fear that unless I can rent the property very soon, the future of the cottages look very bleak and will be a major loss to the community, where in comparison the relatively immature trees would not.

I therefore implore that the TPO's are removed and that Boys and Girls nurseries are allowed to take on the lease and make the necessary improvements to the car park area, which will in due course bring new life to the cottages and to Stanmore.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Iain Cottrell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Iain Cottrell  
Dantepark Limited

