

6.01 - Objection to Tree Preservation Order number 19 of 2011

Located at Dryhill Farm, Dryhill Lane, Sundridge.

**ITEM FOR DECISION**

This report sets out details of objections received to this order.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Tree Preservation Order No 19 of 2011 be confirmed without amendments.

The Site and Background

- 1 Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No. 19 of 2011 relates to an Oak tree situated at Dryhill Farm.
- 2 A request was received from a neighbour that the Oak tree be protected by a preservation order. The tree is situated at the edge of a walled garden to the West and arable farmland to the East. Its loss would have a noticeable affect on the amenity of the local area. TPO 19 was served in order to afford it continued protection as it is situated outside of a Conservation Area and was unprotected.

Representations

- 3 An objection to the TPO has been received from Mr & Mrs Petry of Dryhill Farm, Sundridge. Mr & Mrs Petry object on the grounds that the serving of the order is unnecessary as they have no intention of removing this tree or damaging it in any way. They believe the original request from the neighbour was an act of maliciousness designed to make life difficult for them. Although details of who requested the order have not been supplied, they are fairly certain who the instigator was. Mr & Mrs Petry have a long running dispute with this neighbour. They also feel that there are other trees within the local area, which are more worthy of protection than this specimen.
- 4 In response to the objection, this tree can be clearly seen from the public footpath. With regards to the reasons behind the request that this tree be protected. An assessment of it's value in the landscape has been considered and found to be of value. It is for this reason and this reason alone that the TPO has been served. Any issues that may or may not exist between neighbours is uncheckable and has not therefore been taken into account.

In conclusion

- 5 Given the aforementioned information. It is suggested that the details as provided within the objection to this TPO are not founded. It is my recommendation therefore that TPO 19 of 2011 should be confirmed without amendments. Please find attached TPO/19/2011 (Appendix 1).

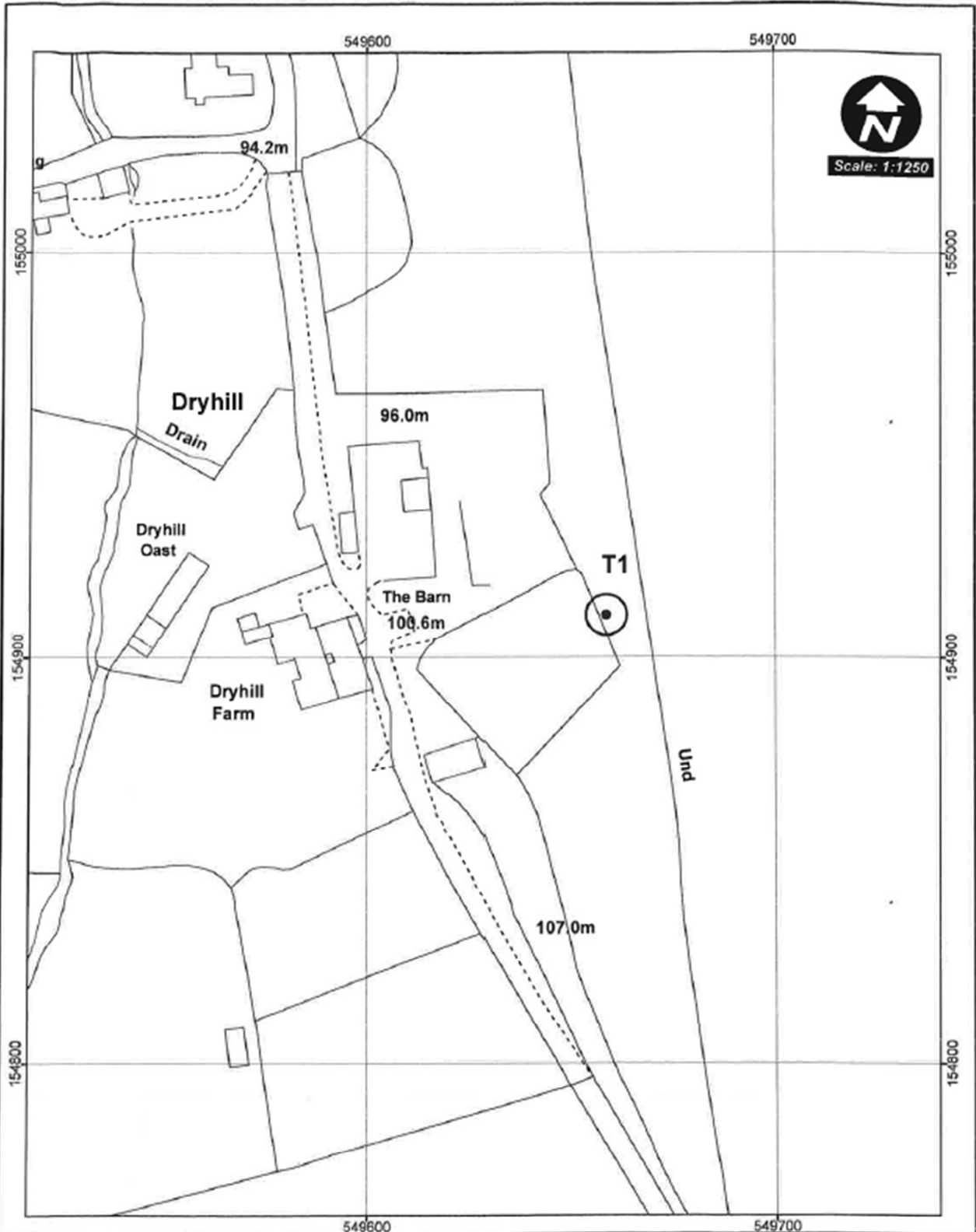
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**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

**TPO 19 of 2011**

Scale: 1:1,250  
Date: 23/12/2011

**Dryhill Farm, Dryhill Lane, Sundridge**

**SCHEDULE 1**

**SPECIFICATION OF TREES**

**Trees specified individually**  
(encircled in black on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Situation*</i>
T1	Oak	Situated to the south east of The Barn, Dryhill Lane, Sundridge.

**Trees specified by reference to an area**  
(within a dotted black line on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Situation*</i>
	None	

**Groups of trees**  
(within a broken black line on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Situation*</i>
	None	

**Woodlands**  
(within a continuous black line on the map)

<i>Reference on Map</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Situation*</i>
	None	

\* complete if necessary to specify more precisely the position of the trees.