

26 Lamb Hall Road
Longwood
Huddersfield
HD3 4XQ

16th May 2025

Dear sirs

Tree removal – Unregistered land adjacent Scout Hut, Gilead Road, Huddersfield HD3 4XH

I write in my role as a section leader for and on behalf of the 25th Salendine Nook Scout Group who own and manage the Scout Hut on Gilead Road.

As a group we actively manage the hut and the area of land around it which we own. We have operated as a Scout Group using the hut in this location since the late 1940's and provide traditional Scouting activities for young people aged 6 – 18. As part of our activities we actively encourage wildlife including erection of bird and bat boxes, litter picking and tree planting not only on our own land but also in other local areas, e.g. Salendine Nook Baptist Church and Pighill Woods.

The hut sits within **TPO area 05/02/w8**, this area of protection covers not only the Scout Hut but also adjacent parcel of privately owned land to the North West of the hut and part of the unregistered parcel of land to our South East.

Within the unregistered land (outlined blue on plan in appendix 1) but in close proximity to the hut (approx. 6 metres) is a large tree believed to be a field maple (labelled with a red star on plan in appendix 2 and circled in yellow on the winter foliage photograph in appendix 3) which appears to be in poor condition and has over successive years each summer grown back with a progressively less healthy crown. We have therefore sought professional opinion on its health.

This tree has been inspected by Rob Peaker of Peaker Tree Services and he has suggested careful planned removal to prevent unexpected collapse or storm damage. Due to its size and proximity to the hut should this tree fall or partially collapse its impact on the hut or people in the vicinity could be catastrophic.

Over many years of multiple land searches and professional legal opinion the Scout Group has been unable to establish a registered owner for the land (mainly steep broken scrub and self seeded trees) within which this tree sits, so as the concerned neighbours most likely to be affected by this tree we are prepared to pursue this application, pay for works and ensure they are correctly and responsibly carried out by licensed contractors.

Attachments:-

1. Land registry ownership summary
2. Plan marked with tree position relative to other trees

3. Marked up photograph of tree in context

Should a site visit be required the land is easy accessible and whilst there is a vehicle gate it can easily be bypassed on foot.

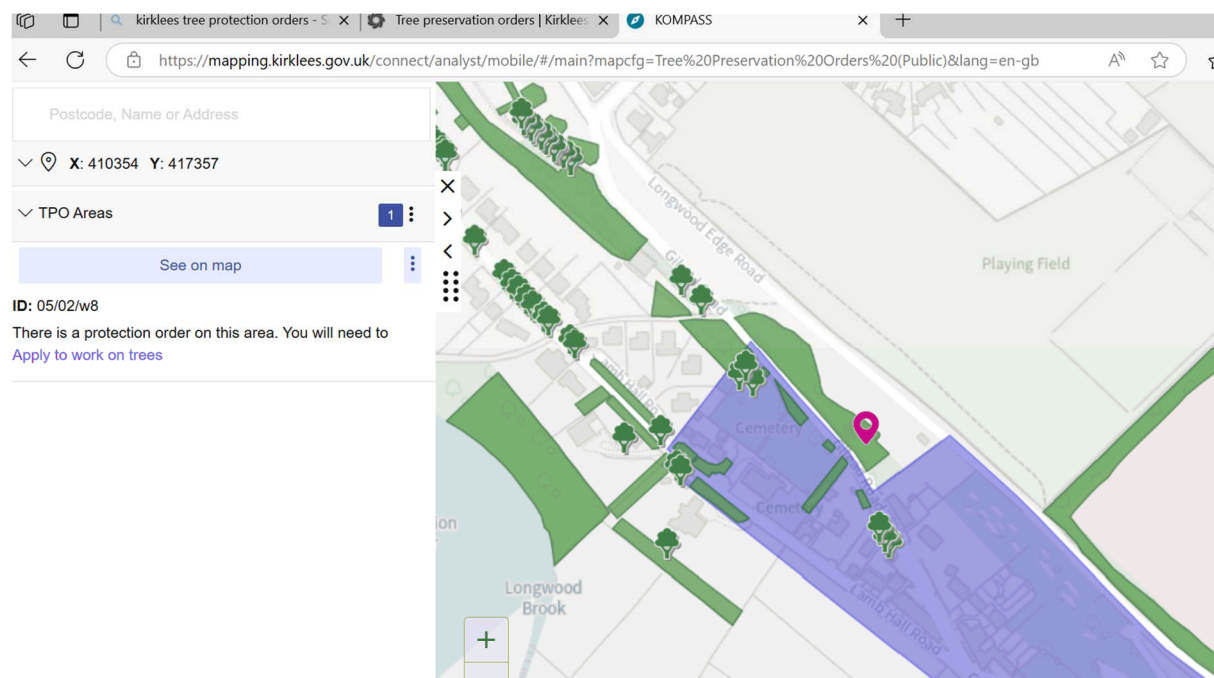
We trust that this application meets with your approval and would propose should works be granted that they would be carried out in Autumn 2025 to mitigate damage to adjacent trees, wildlife and nesting birds.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself on the number below.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of 25th Salendine Nook Scout Group

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Section leader Scouts



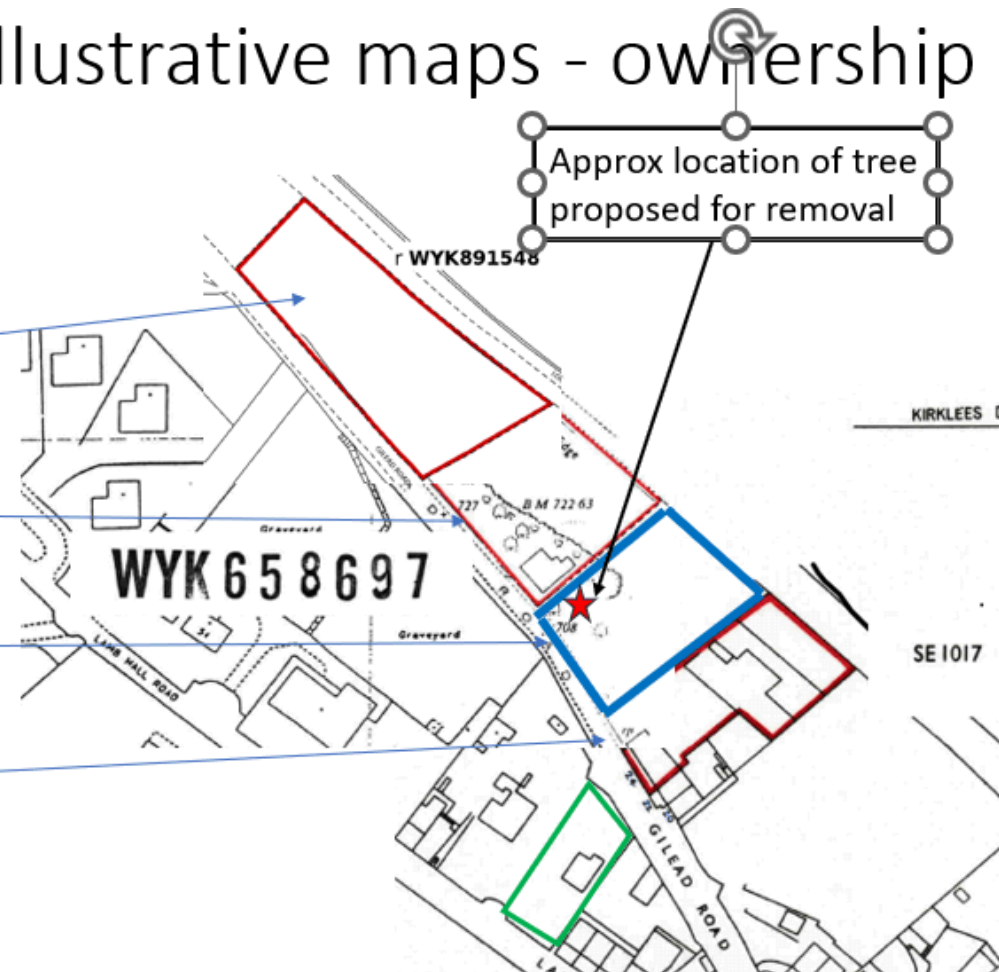
Appendix 1 - Scout Hut illustrative maps - ownership

Title – WYK891548 – redundant uphill plot
(owned by spec developer)

Title – WYK658697 – Scout Hut
(owned in trust by Scout Association)

Unregistered plot edged Blue
Tree – marked with red star

Title - WY321968 – 24 Gilead Road
(private residential ownership)



Appendix 2 - location plan

