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11<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Dear Sir,

**Re: 406/108/21**

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We refer to your letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in the above connection.

Naturally, we are staggered to learn that there may be further development of land to the rear of our property, being already faced with the construction of new houses to the side of our house commencing this month.

When we purchased our house in 2007, we did so having regard for the outstanding area of natural beauty to the rear of the property. The woodland is an impressive and important feature of the area within which we live, and we were assured that this would remain permanent due to a Tree Preservation Order that was already in place.

To now hear that the land has been sold concerns us greatly, since we moved from a large estate in Sittingbourne to effectively "escape to the country".

We objected to the proposed development to the side of our house to no avail, but were comforted by the thought that the land to the rear would remain untouched.


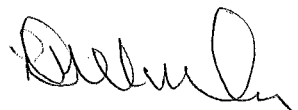
Should this Tree Preservation Order not be made permanent, this surely would allow a developer to further erode yet another rural area, much to our dismay. At the present time, we can look out on coppiced woodland and paddocks and this is one fundamental reason why we moved to this area in the first place.

We are grateful that MBC has put in place a temporary Order and sincerely hope that a permanent Order will follow.

While writing, we would advise that we do not know the details of the owner of the land and hope that this information becomes apparent to you very shortly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

N Mills & D Kelly

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREES) REGULATIONS 1999 as amended**

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**Tree Preservation Order No. 29 of 2009**

**Woodland south of Lenham Road, Kingswood, Kent**

**REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 4**

**OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS**

As may be seen from the attached form, we have no legal interest in the above piece of land. Our interest is as neighbours to the land, and as such, we believe that it is appropriate that we make representations regarding future consideration by the Planning Authority as to whether the temporary Tree Preservation Order should be made permanent.

This area of woodland is ancient in nature, and comprises the healthy specimens as set out in the temporary order. The woodland contributes to the character of the village, which is surrounded by similar areas, much of it responsibly coppiced. The very name of this village describes what it once was – woodland. We both believe that as great an area as possible should remain so, as it has done for many centuries. A Tree Preservation Order in respect of this parcel of land would help it to be retained for the enjoyment of villagers and others.

Although no legal rights of way seem to exist across the land, it is nevertheless used by walkers regularly, and we believe that this has been so for many years. We mention this not by way of argument regarding those pathways having become rights of way, but to emphasise that local residents regularly enter, use and enjoy this piece of land. We also believe that consideration should be made regarding the wildlife that exists in this woodland, which would not have a home, food or a place to hunt if trees were removed.

When advertised for recent sale by auction, this land was described by the auctioneer as having potential for development and 'in filling'. Such development would undoubtedly involve the destruction of trees, and we believe that it such removal of woodland is exactly what the above statute and regulations were passed by Parliament to prevent.

Any relevant Articles of the Human Rights Act 1998 should be taken into consideration by the Planning Authority.

Signed Gareth Davis Date 8-January-2010

Signed Marek Danel Date 8/01/2010