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**From:** Nick Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 November 2018 19:50  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Re: Y18/1312/FH/JD - Pruning of trees subject to a TPO

Dear Sirs

I refer to the amended documents submitted by the applicant on 13 November, which you have drawn my attention to.

My objections still remain, and in particular the description of the proposed works to item 4 which are too vague. I realise that this application may well be a retrospective one to regularise the work that the applicant has in part undertaken in breach of the planning conditions, but it still remains, that the wording of the proposed works potentially gives the applicant carte blanche to use discretion which will result in warranted damage to the the hedgerows and trees that are left in this location. One of the 'selling points' made by the applicant in his main development submission was that the development would fit within the rural environment but the works carried out thus far - to many of those in the village - actually represent the beginnings of an urbanisation which is not tolerable (a further example is the erection of bright white wicker fencing on the approaches to the built site which is more suited to an urban development than a rural and village environment).

Yours faithfully

N W Taylor  
Address as before

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**From:** Nick Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 November 2018 18:42  
**To:** Planning@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Y18/1312/FH/JD - Pruning of trees subject to a TPO

Dear Sirs

Thank you for your letter of 2 November. I am objecting to this application as it is currently proposed. I would have done this through the planning portal but all of my attempts to register with this have failed, as your system keeps returning an error message.

The application form completed by the applicant describes the work intended to be carried out. This applicant has previously failed to comply with planning conditions relating to the trees on this site and has committed wilful damage to trees and hedgerows which has been the subject of much distress within the local community, has received the attention of the local councillors and prompted the issuance of a Tree Preservation Order. In view of this, I take an interest in this application as described below.

1. I have no objection to the proposed works to remove dead wood and any damaged branches on trees 1, 2 and 74. I have taken pictures of these trees and can see the damaged and dead elements which should quite rightly be removed.

2. The work to be carried out to trees 25, 26 and 29 is generally acceptable, but crowning any trees below 3 metres is not acceptable and therefore the crowning any trees down to 2 metres is objected to.
3. The trees shown in the plan as **item 4** is far too vague. This is one area is where the applicant has breached planning conditions and has carried out excessive removal of trees and hedges. The specification of the works in the application is ambiguous and provides an opportunity for the applicant to carry out removal and cutting which is not controlled and is therefore not acceptable. A reduction of the existing established hedgerows to 2 metres is not acceptable. I understand that they need to be be trimmed, but to cut to 2 metres is to suit the ambience of the housing development and it's vistas, whereas this is an established hedgerow in a village/rural environment and this should have primacy and should be protected; especially given the huge amount of the historic hedgerow that has already been removed. They should be trimmed to 3 metres height and no lower. The proposal to 'trim sides to suit' should be removed except for where they reach one of the open spaces in which case they should be trimmed to shape only. Deadwood should be pruned as proposed. If any pruning of trees is proposed, those trees should be individually identified before any consent is granted; it is insufficient for them to be lumped together as they have been in this application.

A condition of any consent should be that photos of all trees , on which work is proposed to be carried out, should be taken and sent to the council to facilitate checks to ensure compliance.

Please acknowledge this email. I am very happy to discuss. You should remove my address from this email when you place it into the public record.

Yours faithfully

N W Taylor

