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To: Babergh District Council  
Licensing and Appeals Committee (Trees)

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Dear Sirs,                    **Tree Preservation Order BT 406**

Having previously approved TPOs on all the trees identified by this order Chilton Parish Council was surprised to learn only last Tuesday that there was an appeal against this order by Suffolk County Council, in particular to TPOs on W1, W2 and W7. As clarification has only been received last Thursday from SCC we would like to make a verbal submission to this committee hearing, but failing that we hope that you will accept this written objection.

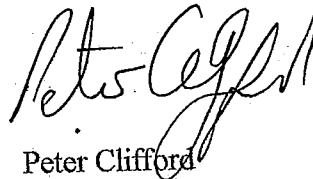
Chilton Parish Council objects to Suffolk County Council's appeal against the TPO order on W1, W2 and W7 on the following grounds:

1. All three sites are substantial and mature clumps of healthy trees between 15 and 20 foot high and probably of a similar age. They consist largely of a good mix of native species and are clearly a useful wildlife habitat especially given their relatively quiet location.
2. SCC's appeal is presumably based on the latest design for the Chilton Woods development which has expanded the light industrial area for this location and only recently incorporated W2 and part of W1. We would suggest that SCC will have considerable industrial land capacity available on the other side of the Chilton Woods development (already in the current plan) and does not need to incorporate W2 and W1.
3. We would further suggest that all three sites, W1, W2 and W7 will enhance any future industrial development, providing a natural screening barrier and improving the environment for anyone that subsequently works there.
4. SCC plans for Chilton Woods intend to upgrade the road behind these three sites to a major exit/entrance point for the new development. The three sites under discussion therefore already provide substantial and effective natural landscaping and should not be interfered with.
5. TPOs on all these trees will provide some measure of protection and whilst they do not prevent SCC requesting the removal of trees where necessary they do

- oblige SCC to justify that and to replace any trees that are removed with further planting.
6. Lastly, SCC themselves planted most of these trees themselves. We therefore find it regrettable that merely because of a minor adjustment to a design plan that they are now opposing their protection.

**Chilton Parish Council therefore ask the Committee to support the protection of these trees and confirm their TPO status, especially as they form a healthy natural addition to a somewhat run down area.**

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman, on behalf of Chilton Parish Council