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The Chief Planning Officer
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29th January 2025

Your Reference 25/00154/TRCA

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to you in response to your letter of 27th January relating to the Tree itemised as Copper Beech T2 in the above application. I object most strongly to the applicants request to reduce my tree. My objections are as follows:-

1) The tree provides a small amount of defence to my property from the 24hr wash of neon light which swamps the front of my property, admittedly less in the winter than in the summer, but some defence is better than none as the attached images below indicate
2) The tree does not overreach the garage property
3) The Garage owners elected to have the sign erected in the shadow of my tree in the first place. They should have located it in the centre of their property boundary, in which case everyone would have been able to see it.
4) The traffic frequently travels at 10MPH or less approaching the roundabout giving most drivers the opportunity of recognising a petrol station and seeing its prices.
5) The tree in question had the centre crown cut out of it 50 years ago and has not increased in stature much since then
6) Should a tree with a TPO and standing within a conservation area take second place to bright commercial lights?
7) It is a lovely tree, subject to a preservation order and it is mine!

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(View from the ground and first floor rooms at the front of my house taken in daylight. The effect in the dark is rather more dramatic)

In my opinion the best way for the applicant to resolve his problem is to apply for planning permission to re-locate their sign so that it is effective in its purpose and will have a smaller impact on their neighbours.

I have sent a copy of my letter to the chairman of Hemingford Grey Parish council.

I would be grateful to receive confirmation that my letter has been read.

Yours faithfully

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