

- The reason given for the need to remove the tree is 'blocking the rear access drive' is untrue. The drive concerned is owned by the neighbours and there is no rear access to the Old Farmhouse.

5. Determining Issues:

- 5.1 The TPO was made as a safeguarding operation following a TNCA notification in the light of an objection that was raised to its removal.
- 5.2 It is a semi mature specimen and has potential to grow very large in this situation.
- 5.3 The Old Farmhouse is currently undergoing restoration and the owners would like to restore the kitchen garden. A Lawson Cypress is not in character within a kitchen garden and the tree has potential to overwhelm what is a comparatively small plot. This species of tree is not appropriate for this location.
- 5.4 The owner has provided evidence from the Land Registry that a right of way does exist over the land to the rear of the Old Farmhouse.
- 5.5 The tree has relatively limited amenity value to the Conservation Area being situated behind the property. It is really an inappropriate species for this situation.

6. Recommendation:

- 6.1 **Grant TPO Consent.**
- 6.2 That the TPO be not confirmed.

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