TPO No. 3 of 1996 – Schedule A - T9 Norway Maple

North west corner – rear garden – 45 Hurston Close, BN14 0AX

(Previously part of TPO No.8 of 1986)

Permission was granted in June 2021 in respect of application no. AWDM/0464/21 to reduce height back to sound wood and reduce spread by 2-3 metres. The appropriate work took place that year.

Since then areas of black spots and patches, (I believe Canker), some dry, some tacky, have become evident on the main trunk along with an area of bark that has come off rising from the base of the trunk and is increasing. It is also noticeable that further areas of the bark sound hollow with places where it is cracked and lifting. Signs of rot are now noticeable at the base of the trunk.

Circumference of the main trunk is 2.6 metres from the ground up to approximately 2.3 metres from where the tree then develops into large co-dominant stems/trunks. One of these co-dominant trunks has deteriorated since the work was undertaken and has an area where it is hollow and rotten.

This house, built in 1996, has a surface water soakaway in the back garden in accordance with the planning permission granted. The soakaway is in relative proximity to the Norway Maple, together with the fact there is a natural downward slope of that side of the garden towards the tree, resulting in the ground around the tree remaining water logged following periods of wet weather.

This tree was previously included in TPO No. 8 of 1986 (Part of A1) when it was in the very large 'park like' gardens of Angerton House, Warren Road, which, following demolition, is where nos. 40-45 Hurston Close and associated adopted roadway were built during 1996. The current TPO No.3 was applied to numerous trees on 26 September 1996 across the site of six individual gardens (plots 3-8) of the then new houses.

During the time these houses were being built, a letter dated 14 May 1996 from WBC Planning and Environmental Services Department to the developer, Prowting Homes Ltd, shows that there were a further two Norway Maples in what was to become the garden of No. 45 (Plot 8) and were also covered by TPO No.8 of 1986. They were, according to that letter, adjacent to the boundaries of bungalows in Fontwell Close, 'deemed to be dangerous' and

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