

Ryedale District Council.

c.c NYCC Highways, Dept.,

c.c Kirkbymoorside Town Council,

c.c. Sir William Worsley, Hovingham

Malton,

4th July 2018.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On response to a letter received dated 26.6.18 from Kirkbymoorside Town Council to residents of Piercy End Kirkbymoorside, regarding the application submitted to Ryedale District Council 18044 NYCC Highways & Transportations. Notice to fell trees in a conservation area in respect of two Silver Birch trees at 48 and 43 Piercy End Kirkbymoorside also a third Silver Birch located at High Mkt Place near the junction with Crown Square.

We welcome the response from the KMS Town Council and endorse most of their suggestions.

We strongly dispute the recommendations to the Tree and Countryside Officer and Environmental Services, Scarborough Borough Council, with regard to the tree at 48 Piercy End, we do not believe it creates any danger to the public, the leaf foliage is vigorous and provides habitat for wildlife and adds aesthetic pleasure when entering the town.

The tree outside 43 Penny Piece, we challenge the suggestion of poor pruning as a reason for felling, as we know that no pruning of this tree has taken place in the last 20 years!

The Silver Birch tree at High Market Place, although it may be slow growing, and has grown considerably in the last 20 years.

With regard to eventual failure, this is true of all living things.

The recommendation to replace all trees with Hornbeam, we do not believe would offer amenity value that the existing trees, already gives us.

It is evident that trees in boxes which has been suggested as replacements, would be expensive and difficult to maintain. We offer as examples, the tree outside 23 Piercy End is a prime example and also the tree at Dale End, both of which are in terminal decline.

The statements by the Tree Officer are being made purely to satisfy the present fad of chopping street trees down to please the people in Highways.

Residents who have signed our petition also felt that far from removing the trees, the Council should have a programme to plant more trees in the main street, i.e. Silver Birch as the old town photographs show was a popular tree in the past in the main street. The trees should be planted in the cobbled areas with decorative iron protectors around them.

Let us try to make our town as pleasant a place for residents and visitors as we can.

Furthermore the trees do not affect the roads, nor the footpaths, which we assume is the prime purpose of the NYCC Highways and we personally feel that they should concentrate their resources on the roads and footpaths.

To support this letter we will follow up with a petition signed by many residents of the town, who