

To: Lincolnshire County Council – Highways Mr R Littlewood
Cc: Landowners: Wright Family Brattleby, Mr M Spencer Brattleby Parish Council

From: Brattleby Annual Parish meeting

Subject: Poplar trees Thorpe Lane Brattleby

9 May 2014

Dear Mr Littlewood,

During our Brattleby Annual Parish Meeting the issue of the proposed felling of 60 poplar trees on Thorpe Lane was discussed. The issue and your response to the questions posed by the Parish Council were taken into account during our deliberations.

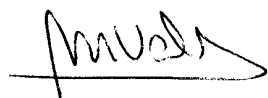
It is for instance not clear that the responsibilities of Highways coincide with those of the landowner, e.g. landowners must surely respect the intended use of public infrastructures.

The PC has already expressed the views of the residents in its correspondence. However, the residents attending the Meeting felt the need to express *their* discontent and objection to the removal of the trees. It was also noted that the number of trees on the Lane is not 60 but 77 in total. Removal of these trees will greatly affect the landscape the residents of Brattleby and surrounding villages have come to love and appreciate. This is of great importance and value to the residents.

We are aggrieved that we were not consulted properly regarding this matter, which it would appear in your view has nothing to do with local residents, but is a restricted matter between the landowner and highways. We strongly disagree with this view. The trees and the Lane are part of *our* community life and are an integral part of the much appreciated natural environment we wish to conserve.

The Annual Parish Meeting has therefore decided unanimously to inform Highways and the landowners of their objection to the removal of the trees. It will take action to make our views more widely known.

Yours sincerely,



Brattleby Annual Parish Meeting

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