

A47 DUALLING – NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON

Scheme no. TR010038

APPENDIX 9 to
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HONING
NORTH WALSHAM
NORFOLK [REDACTED]
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20th August 2021

Dear Anthony,

Thank you very much indeed for giving such a wonderful and informative tour of your superb woodlands at Berry Hall yesterday. I had no idea that such a silvicultural gem existed just off the A47. It was amazing to see the variety of woodland and timber types, all managed with great care and skill by you with splendidly vintage equipment. It was an example to us

all. It is wonderful that tree planting was largely done by your father, nurtured so carefully by you and will provide sympathetically grown timber and fantastic habitats for future generations; not to mention carbon-capture and biodiversity. I know we were all very impressed to hear that you had opened 'tree gates' to the public during the Covid epidemic which I can imagine was a lifeline for many. I especially enjoyed the visit as the scale of your operation was accessible and you gave such a wonderful example of what one forester can do. It must surely be unique, at least in Norfolk.

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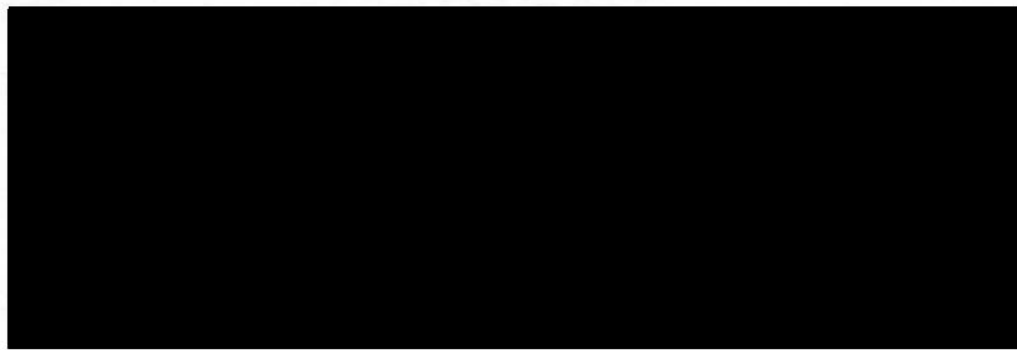
Dear Anthony

It was kind of you to give us a guided tour of your wonderful woods last week. We saw some amazing trees in lovely unspoilt countryside having been carefully tended + planted by three generations of the same family.

We were however very distressed to learn that part of your land is under threat from the A47 dualing of the road. It would be a real catastrophe if your ancient woodland and precious

walls around the kitchen
garden were to suffer permanently
as a result of this. We wish
you the very best of luck in
trying to preserve your
heritage for us and others
after us to enjoy for all time.

With thanks to you and
Deborah



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Saturday 21st Aug '21.

[REDACTED]
East Tuddenham
Norfolk.

Dear Anthony + Debbie

I write following the devastating news that you told me the other day. Highways England have drawn up plans for the North Tuddenham A47 road improvements which are going to have a major destructive impact on your home + property.

The prospect of having a huge 'bull-nosed' roundabout with lights a few metres away from your wonderful

Sally Watts

EA Chair for The Royal Forestry Society

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Grade II home is just wrong, and suggests to me that the surveyors have not properly walked the route and do not understand what they are proposing to do. Equally as distressing for you and for me (as a traveller) are the plans to destroy major swathes of your lovingly cared for shelter belts, that have provided landscaping protection to your home from the existing A47 for over 50 years.

I have known you for over 25 years as a member of the Royal Forestry Society. Both you and your father have been loyal participants in educating & sharing your huge knowledge of all

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things to do with silviculture & excellence in forestry. We have visited your property on at least 3 ~~visits~~ occasions. I served as your secretary whilst you held the post of Chair in the 90's & your father has been Chair previously too. Your commitment to forestry is unquestioned & to have your trees threatened in this way will be the most devastating news you have had to experience in a long time.

I do hope the planners will relook at their proposals & recognise that a small realignment of the road onto bare agricultural land with no trees to destroy, will not only

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protected a Heritage property and a unique crinkle crinkle wall, but more importantly protected some incredibly valuable environmental habitats within the shelter belts.

The environmental habitat with a wood cannot just be recreated overnight - it takes years + years to develop + so should be afforded the highest protection, especially so in these times of climate change, when it is becoming increasingly more difficult to grow trees.

I write with masses of hope that the powers of common sense

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will surmount & some compromises
can be found to save the trees.

I hope the Examining Authority
will recognise this letter as an
objection to the current plans &
ask Highway England to re-draw
the route so avoiding the destruction
of some very old shelter belts.

Yours sincerely

EA Chair for the Royal Forestry
Society

Frankingham, Suffolk

Sir James Scott Bt
(national) President of The Royal Forestry Society

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20/8/1911

Dear Anthony

The importance of your exceptionally well managed woodlands to a whole array of this country's environmental goals make them a most inevitable piece of ground for "dwelling" the A47.

Having seen for myself at first hand the nature of your work during the recent visit by the Earl Arundel division of the Royal Forestry Society, I am sure there must be a better solution. I do hope this will be thought.

Yours sincerely
James Scott.

Sr James Scott Bt.

From Sir James Scott Bt,
President, The Royal Forestry Society.

FROM:

SIR JAMES SCOTT, Bt.
(NATIONAL) PRESIDENT
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Patron: HM The Queen

RFS

ROYAL FORESTRY SOCIETY



INSPIRING PASSION AND EXCELLENCE IN WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

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20th August 2021

Dear Anthony

I wanted to thank you for hosting the woodland meeting at [REDACTED] yesterday. Your warmth and generosity helped everyone feel at ease. I could see everyone was spellbound by your charm, energy and in some cases your ingenuity, which truly made it a day to remember. I think it was just what we all needed after the last 18 months, dealing with Covid and other challenges.

I noted you have allowed more public access to the estate to help local people cope with the lockdown and the pandemic. I'm sure this was appreciated by those lucky enough to be within easy reach of your beautiful woods.

Your woods are clearly being managed superbly under your skill and wisdom, and from the comments of some revered foresters present, are exemplars of good practice.

You mentioned that the estate is under threat from road-widening adjacent to the estate. I cannot comment on the relative merits of the scheme being proposed, but this is clearly a cause of some concern. Given the value of the woods you manage, in their own right and to share with others and demonstrate best practice, I would hope alternatives to this scheme could be found which would remove or at least reduce the inevitable impacts.

Please feel free to pass on this letter to those managing this road scheme as I would like to offer my support to you in seeking to avoid any impact on [REDACTED]

Thank you again for being a perfect host for our visit. I look forward to seeing you again in due course.

With best wishes,

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Dear Anthony

Thank you so much for such an interesting and enjoyable day on Thursday with the RFS looking round your wonderful woods. Not having visited on the previous occasion, I knew we were in for a special day but nonetheless was amazed at the quality of the trees and particularly their speed of growth. It just goes to show that quality timber can be produced in East Anglia notwithstanding the lack of rainfall if there is the will and expertise of the owner. Your particular hands-on management must be almost unique and the results are there for all to see.

We were all very distressed on your behalf to hear of Highways England's plans for the dualling of the A47 and its potentially dramatic impact on Berry Hall. The current alignment produces plenty of noise already, but at least your and your father's carefully and judiciously sited plantations and shelterbelts have done much to help to reduce the noise and largely blot out lights too.

While accepting that the dualling has to happen to improve that section of a key route from East to West, what you explained to us all regarding the current proposals, the large area of land required and particularly the "dumbbell" double roundabout at the road junction, would be hugely damaging. It would open up the whole of that section of the Tud Valley. The impact on your property would be enormous both in terms of noise and light once it was completed, but totally intolerable for the duration of the construction period. However much was done in terms of bunding and new tree planting, I would go so far as to suggest that it would destroy the amenities of Berry Hall and make it a very undesirable place in which to live.

It would seem that Highways England has not taken into account any landscape designations nor the listing of Berry Hall and its curtilage in coming up with its current proposals. It is also clear that by moving the alignment a few hundred metres to the north on to a rather uninspiring landscape, all this damage to your property and its wider landscape setting could be avoided. In my view, it would be an act of environmental vandalism if this scheme were allowed to go forward in its current form and should be resisted totally.

I hope that you will be able to persuade the likes of English Heritage, (however difficult it is for them to object to another government agency's proposals), CPRE and other local interested bodies and individuals to give you the support you need to get Highways England to change its plans. Good luck!

Yours sincerely

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23rd August 2021

Dear *Anthony*

Royal Forestry Society Meeting – 19th August 2021

Thank you so much for hosting a visit of the Royal Forestry Society last Thursday. You arranged a very special programme and your hard work, and that of two previous generations, has resulted in a high standard of silviculture and landscape renewal – a lesson to us all! It has been a privilege to visit and watch the progress of your woods over the last 50+ years. The next generation can look forward to inheriting some very beautiful woods and shelter belts and to marketing some extremely valuable oak. The future challenge will be regeneration in the face of deer and squirrel damage.

I was interested to see how well your Pin Oaks have grown. I am not having much success in an equally wet area. It is sad that Peter Goodwin is no longer with us as he would have so enjoyed walking through your grove of hybrid walnuts.

Shelter belts are notoriously difficult to establish but yours are a great success in shielding the beautiful Tud Valley from the noise and sight of the A47. We all need good communications but the proposal by Highways England for the future dualling and an enormous roundabout adjacent to the listed house and park seem to be insensitive and too high a price to pay for "progress". Looking at a map, the area to the north appears to be open farmland and it should not be too difficult to design a small realignment of the proposed road to avoid damaging the woodlands, the listed landscape and the Tud Valley.

*Thank you again for a really lovely day out. Great that we can all meet together again after a gap of nearly two years.
Yours ever*

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Proposed Dualling of A47

I was very impressed to visit your Woodlands a third time with the Royal Forestry Society East Anglia Division on Thursday 19 August. Your late grandfather who bought the Estate in 1947 and your late father, Dick, whom I well remember would both be enormously proud of what you have achieved there, by dint of sheer hard work and vision. As the owner of nearby Hocking Wood I can well say that this is one of the jewels in the crown of Norfolk Forestry.

I was dismayed to hear from you of the current proposals in connection with the dualling of the A47, which would mean compulsory acquisition of some 7 acres to the north of your 126-acre Estate. Of this, some 3 acres would be lost forever, with 4 acres taken out of agricultural production for a period of years before being returned to you. Regardless of what compensation you might receive, this would represent an unacceptable intrusion into what has been recognised nationally as [an Area of Outstanding Historical and Natural Interest]. It would interfere with the protection afforded by the shelter belts which you have lovingly established - and indeed constitute a threat to the listed crinkly cranky wall at the north of the kitchen garden, quite apart from the overall detriment to the listed Hall and the Estate in general.

I understand that you are making vigorous representations against the proposal and I would like you to add this letter to your collection. The proposal is all the more regrettable, as I understand that there is a possibly better alternative site to the north of the A47.

Rev Matthew Hutton DL
Senior Partner, RD Hutton & Partners

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20th.August, 2021.

Dear Mr. Meynell,

Thank you for a most interesting and informative Royal Forestry Society visit to [REDACTED] woodlands yesterday. Not only do they demonstrate top quality forestry, they also have a considerable beneficial impact on the broader landscape and the wildlife that thrives in them.

I was most alarmed to hear that there is a plan to destroy part of your northern tree belt on the south side of the A47 to make way for the Norwich Western Bypass junction. These trees are not only ecologically valuable, they form an important focal point in the landscape. I understand that a small move of the proposed highway line to the north onto insignificant arable land of no ecological consequence would avoid the desecration of these trees.

As a forester, ecologist and conservator, I fully support your contention that the new highway plan should be modified to avoid the destruction of these important trees.

Yours sincerely,

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T.R.E. Cook.

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Dear Anthony,

I so enjoyed my morning yesterday as you introduced us to your family of trees. Many you have known all your life, some you planted. All your nurture, and some look after you!

I do not know exactly how the A47 plans will affect you and think they are not entirely settled. None of these changes will be good for you, your home or your wonderful woods. It is a worrying time.

I return to my young family of trees with new knowledge of how much is to be done.

Yrs. and
Richard

[REDACTED]

31st August, 2021

Dear Anthony,

Royal Forestry Society visit to [REDACTED] 19th August, 2021.

Thankyou very much indeed for putting on such a stimulating visit to your woods a fortnight ago, it was both educational and amusing, cleverly crafted by an engaging host.

As you know, I owe much of my four decades of career in forestry to the patient tutorage of your inspirational father, after he drummed home his basic principles of sustainable, economic forest management in those woods, all those years ago. Observing how you have diligently promoted his management prescriptions and maintained his exceptionally high standards throughout the woods, confirms that he would be exceedingly proud of your efforts.

The Berry Hall woods are a unique example of perfection in terms of what they deliver. They are profitable, biodiverse, beautiful and have, since COVID, given succour to a beleaguered public.

In this time of aspirational, large scale woodland creation, there can be no doubt that your woods offer a great deal as an educational resource. As one who has met increasing frustration searching for an assistant forester from university graduates with zero practical experience, I would suggest that more could be learnt in a week at [REDACTED] with relevance to the current aspirations, than in four years on a degree course.

It is unthinkable to me that a significant portion of your woodland, which offers so much to society, is under threat from the proposed new roundabout on the A47. I fully sympathise with your concerns and frustrations.

Thankyou again for a thoroughly fulfilling visit [REDACTED]

Yours ever,

[REDACTED]

And

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Norfolk Gardens Trust

Dear Mr Maynell

25 August 2021

Effect of Proposed A47 Dualling

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the position of the Norfolk Gardens Trust (NGT) in respect of the effect of the proposed dualling scheme on [REDACTED].

NGT is the primary body concerned with the conservation and enhancement of outstanding gardens and landscapes in Norfolk. The Trust is consulted, via the Gardens Trust national body, on development proposals likely to affect gardens and parklands which have been formally designated by Historic England in the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens of special historic interest.

[REDACTED]'s grounds are not formally registered. However, there are many examples of parks and gardens which are not registered but are nevertheless of significant historic and/or landscape interest. In national planning policy these are termed non-designated heritage assets. In many cases, NGT is not consulted on development proposals affecting these places but is able to make representations on such cases.

The grounds of [REDACTED] are extensive and provide the immediate setting for the Grade II listed Hall. They include lawns extending towards the River Tud and eastwards towards Berry Lane. There are more enclosed and screened gardens to the north and west of the Hall. In my view the significance of these grounds, both in their own right and in contributing to the Hall's setting, is sufficient for them to be considered a non-designated heritage asset. The Cultural Heritage assessment prepared by Highways England explains that existing planting currently helps to mitigate the noise and visual effects of the existing A47 on the Hall and its grounds.

While there would be no direct physical effect on [REDACTED], the proposed dualling scheme would have a significant effect on its surroundings. The proposed new junction to the north of the Hall would make the new road more prominent in that part of its setting. Work areas and a concrete batching plant would also be sited near the gardens. Although the Highways England Cultural Assets assessment refers to proposed additional planting, it is not clear that the harm to the [REDACTED] and its grounds would be effectively mitigated.

The NGT was not consulted by Highways England on this scheme. Had there been consultation I consider that the Trust would have lodged an objection in respect of the effect on [REDACTED].

Yours Sincerely

Keri Williams (Mr)
Planning Officer
Norfolk Gardens Trust