

Should the oak tree be cut down?

Read the following piece of persuasive writing. Look carefully at the type of language that is used. What are the main arguments put forward by the author?

Should the oak tree be cut down to make way for a playground?

An ancient oak tree stands majestically in the grounds of a small field belonging to Mr Cartwright. Until recently, the field has been used for horses to graze and local children have access to play. Mr Cartwright now has plans to sell the field to the town council, who want to tear down the oak tree, concrete over the entire field and build a children's playground.



Ecologically, this would be a disaster. The tree, and the field in which it stands, makes an important contribution to the wildlife of the area. It provides a habitat for large numbers of birds, insects and squirrels. Without the tree, this flora and fauna would perish.

The area has become an important feature of the local community. Parents know their children will be safe as the area is closed off to all traffic. The field provides a unique opportunity for children to explore the diversity of nature.

In addition, the tree provides a link with the past. It is believed to be over 100 years old, (the oldest inhabitant of the village remembers it being planted). Removing the tree would devastate older members of the community.



Therefore, I urge you to sign our petition to save the tree and the field in which it stands, from this needless destruction.