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20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Stephen,

Tree Preservation Order 23/00001/TPO

I write in relation to the letter received regarding the above tree preservation order, I would like to inform you that there was a neighbours dispute however this was resolved prior to receiving the preservation order. We feel that having neighbours is more important than the cutting of a tree, however I would like the below points to be taken into consideration:

- There was no intention to cause any animosity with our neighbours.
- We followed all the correct procedures by contacting yourselves (PCC) who advised us to speak with Citizens Advice, to which we then followed their advice on writing a letter to our neighbours and offering them back the tree cuttings.
- The tree branches overhang into the middle of our garden which blocks the light from our bedroom window.
- The overhanging branches and falling leaves and acorns propose a health and safety hazard to disabled people, young children and animals that visit us on a regular basis, and to mention to us as we get older.
- In autumn and winter when we have high winds the branches are swinging and could very easily snap and fall into our garden, again causing a health and safety hazard.
- When the property was being built the builder contacted PCC who gave the builder permission to chop back any overhang into the properties garden, to which we now do not understand how we would have been doing any different by cutting back some branches to prevent the above issues.

On the basis of the above we do not understand why there would need to be a preservation in order on the tree as we had no intention to destroy the tree or the wildlife in its habitat as we are all for this, we just wanted to maintain the overhang of the tree due to the reasons outlined above.

Yours Sincerely

Mr & Mrs Hicks

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