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To: Tracy Harvey **Cc:** Damian Manhertz **Subject:** urgent query

Dear Tracy Harvey

I apologise for raising these issues so late in the procedure but none of us in this little local community has experience of planning policy and procedure and we are learning slowly. I know Lisa Hughes is the relevant case officer but she is on leave and I consider the matter urgent.

There is to be a site visit for S6/2010/1711/FP (Viaduct car park) this Sunday and I think there is an earlier, still active, application from the same applicant S6/2009/1209/TC that should have been brought to the attention of the councillors. This application refers to work on trees and shrubs in the grounds of Hill House. The decision notice gives permission for work in three areas around Hill House. The work has been completed in the first two areas. No work has yet been done in the third area. As a stand alone application there is no objection to it, but it has significant impact on consideration of the Viaduct car park application.

The CEO of the applicant, Gascoyne Cecil Estates, in meetings and the agent in documentation on the web, refer to this area of trees and shrubs as shielding Park Close/Park Street from the impact of the proposed Viaduct car park even though, as we now realise, they already have permission to cut down, pollard and prune the very trees and shrubs to which they refer as a shield.

Surely that application should have been listed in the documentation for the Viaduct car park. In any case can the councillors who visit this Sunday be made aware that the trees and shrubs they see in the grounds of Hill House between the proposed car park site and that end of Park Close/Park Street are not going to remain as they are. The work given permission would very significantly increase the exposure of Park Close/ Park Street to the sights and sounds of the proposed car park.

In addition I believe the amenity body, The Georgian Group, should have been listed as consultees on both applications but have not been.

Again I apologise for raising these issues at this juncture but I have only just become aware of them.

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