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Dear Mr Hare,

I wish to object to the above application. My name is [REDACTED] and I live at 60 Bell Lane which is very close to the trees in question. I have walked past them many times and the other trees along the edge of the public footpath and at no point have I noticed serious indications of Ash Die Back.

I have seen, and attach here, a copy of AAA's report on the health of these trees. Having read the report I am surprised that the professed

professional tree surgeon who compiled the statement included with the application, could be so inaccurate and write such a poorly researched statement. I note that he met with you to discuss all this, but I think if you read AAA's report, you will get an alternative and better informed view on the necessity to fell these lovely trees.

Of course, it would have been easier to see the extent of the die back damage while the trees are in leaf, but the dormant buds of Ash trees are very distinctive and can be seen through binoculars.

██████████ is obviously unaware of this and the government's advice on how to treat diseased Ash trees which is freely available on the internet.

"It is likely that the majority of our native ash trees will exhibit symptoms of ash dieback, but not all that do will die."

Felling diseased ash requires a felling licence from the Forestry Commission, unless the trees are dead or pose a real and immediate danger. Restrictions such as tree preservation orders must also be respected".

"Some ash trees may have genetic tolerance to ash dieback, meaning they may survive and reproduce to create the next generation of ash trees. Therefore, it is important to retain ash trees where they stand out as being healthier than those around them and it is safe to do so. Retaining a proportion of dead, dying or felled trees will provide deadwood habitat and be beneficial for biodiversity."

It is no coincidence that these trees, but none of the others which run along beside the public footpath, have been singled out for felling. Indeed, the reason given for felling T3 it states; Due to footpath and road construction for short term access.

These trees do not need felling and the application should be refused so that all the people who live nearby and who use the public foot path down the fields can enjoy them for years to come.

Best wishes,

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