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Dear Miss Hill

Re: Proposal to fell 3 Oaks and 1 Monterey Pine covered by TPO 170 and TPO 226 at Chancellor's School and 61a Pine Grove Brookmans Park Hatfield Herts - Planning Reference S6/2010/2238/TP

Thank you for your letter dated 14 October regarding the above proposals submitted by Mr Barraclough who lives at 61a, Pine Grove.

We have inspected the proposals and we are very strongly opposed to the removal of these beautiful trees which are protected by Preservation Orders.

These trees are all mature and exceptionally fine specimens which enhance the amenity of this locality and provide a very attractive outlook for householders in this part of Pine Grove. We were certainly influenced by the attractiveness of these and other trees in the vicinity when we bought our house some years ago

The applicant is claiming they are specifically responsible for some cracks in the wall of his house, but with so many trees in the vicinity we cannot see from the application that this point has been proved.

In an area where the subsoil is clay, and after periods of draught as experienced this summer, movement and settlement is often inevitable but does not in our opinion necessitate the drastic actions proposed

We feel that it is far too soon to properly establish whether these trees are causing a long term problem and as indicated in Paragraph 8.1 of the ACS Report feel that the position could be monitored over a period of 3 years to ascertain whether the problem still exists.

We are extremely upset by these proposals and trust that the Council will strictly uphold the Tree Preservation Orders and continue to protect this attractive environment.

The applicant has in the past been very keen to cut back other Preserved Trees in his garden which in our view have been undertaken in a rather unsympathetic manner.

We would ask that you keep us fully informed on the progress of this application as we may wish to attend and make oral representation at the Planning Committee meeting when this application is considered.

Yours sincerely

