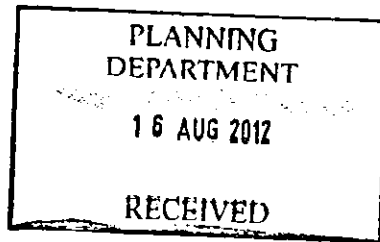


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Dear Ms Harvey

Proposed removal of trees covered by TPO 170 at Chancellors School and 61a Pine Grove Brookmans Park Hatfield Herts. Ref.S6/2012/1525/TP

Thank you for your letter dated 1st August 2012.

We are strongly opposed to the removal of these splendid mature trees which are subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

The application has been made on the basis that the rear right hand corner of 61a Pine Grove is being damaged by the roots of the oaks and the Monterey Cypress. We note in the report, however, that it is not a definite conclusion. The report also states that the damage can be put right without removing these trees. This should surely be the solution without the removal of several fine trees subject to tree preservation orders.

We ask that the Council employ their own consultants to consider this case and investigate the costs quoted in the report.

These trees are of very high amenity value in this area and we were conscious when we purchased our house that they were protected by Law and that as such the Council would do everything within its power to protect them.

Most of the houses in Pine Grove enjoy a wooded outlook at the rear of their properties, and this was one of the reasons we came to live here.

We feel very strongly that if repairs and protection of foundations can be undertaken to the house this is a far more environmentally friendly proposition than having Protected Trees felled.

