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Sent: 12 October 2023 20:08
To: Tom Little; Nick Bell; Planning
Cc: gareth wellburn; Marco Garden; Charles
Subject: application 2023/4155/T

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 3rd in reference to application 2023/4155/T.

Please be aware that there is an inaccuracy in the online application which lists the front garden magnolia tree as belonging to the applicant at 96 Heath Street. The tree in question lies wholly within the boundaries of 98 Heath Street.

This tree, already subject to a conservation order, is an important landmark in Heath Street and its beauty attracts regular interest from locals and visitors alike. The magnolia tree is in good health and we, owners of no 98, have always taken a proactive role in maintaining it. We retain the services of Mr Gareth Wellburn, Burnwell Tree Care, to carry out regular maintenance and it is his suggestion that we apply for a TPO with immediate effect. Please consider this letter as our formal application for the TPO.

From past experience we feel it is important to carry out work to the magnolia tree in a holistic and sympathetic way, trimming the crown on all sides to maintain the tree's symmetry and preserve its integrity. The proposed works listed in 2023/4155T, were these to be implemented, could leave the tree with a lopsided appearance.

The magnolia was last trimmed earlier in the year and having spoken with our tree surgeon we feel it may be excessive to revisit it again so soon. It has been suggested the tree be given a two year hiatus before returning for further pruning. We will continue to retain the services of Mr Wellburn who is well known to your department.

In view of this statement we kindly request that you deny the application at hand. We acknowledge our responsibility to continue to maintain the tree appropriately taking into consideration the effect the tree has in the area.

With kind regards

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