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Dear Sir/Madam, I refer to the above application to fell the copper beech tree at 37 Lancaster Grove, and have the following observations for consideration by the relevant planning officials.

Although the grounds for this application are stated to be the subsidence problems incurred at the above property, it should be noted that the particular tree sits within a conservation area and, as I understand it, is subject to a tree preservation order. Every effort should therefore be made to preserve the tree and to avoid a significant loss of amenity if the tree were to be felled to ground level.

The technical grounds supporting the application should be examined by the Council to enable it to form an objective view of whether the damage cited in the application is indeed caused by the tree in question, or whether there are other causes (such as seasonal variations in the water level affecting the property), or whether other remedial measures at the property would be effective in dealing with the problem (such as underpinning or the construction of a root barrier). There appears to have been a previous application relating to subsidence which was refused by the Council, and this may be relevant to the current application.

The exact nature of the damage reported by the loss adjusters should also be examined since some of it appears to be external and superficial which should not be considered justification for such drastic action as felling the tree, given this particular tree's prominence and benefit to the environment.

Yours faithfully, Philip Peacock, 28 Lancaster Grove



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