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To whom it may concern

Read the above application, I am resident in Flat C at this property.

I have no objections to this application for the following reasons:

- Clarion housing ceased their bi-annual pruning many years ago (last time trees were pruned here was approximately 2012)

As a result the trees have become wildly overgrown and sprawling. Branches crossing, hanging over the pavement & neighbouring properties.

- The Oak has aphids & the Honeydew sap drops onto other plants, shrubs which causes black soot which is not healthy for them. Also sap is dropping onto cars parked beneath. Although our fellow tenant in Flat J has put a grease band around the trunk this is still a slow process.

- the Oak was not given enough attention when the last (recent) pruning occurred. There was only one day booked for front and rear.

The trees at the rear garden were pollarded back considerably and given a whole day.

Whereby the pruning of The Oak had to be rescheduled due to lack of time by the Microbee contractors and then only given a few hours.

- I am registered disabled and living on the ground floor at the front of a red brick uninsulated Victorian building.

My front room windows are surrounded by 3 trees including the Oak.

- In full foliage there is no light or warmth inside my front room (there is very little light from one side window at the back of my flat in my bedroom too).

- This is having a negative impact on my health and contributing to already debilitating symptoms of my condition (Arthritis & M.E - including Fibromyalgia).

- There did used to be more warmth & light when the trees were regularly pruned.

Overall in terms of the lack of biannual pruning the Oak tree needed a lot more cut back and more tidying/pollarding.

Hence my full support for the renewed application for another pruning back of the Oak.

I do hope the above perspectives will encourage the local council to give permission for further work on The oak tree to go ahead.

Kind regards

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