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**From:** Hutson, Alex  
**Sent:** 01 August 2013 15:19  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** objection to tree app 2013/4342/T  
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Hi,

Here is an objection.

Thanks.

Alex Hutson  
Trees and Landscape Officer

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**From:** John Seddon [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 01 August 2013 14:58  
**To:** Hutson, Alex  
**Subject:** Planning appn 4342T

Dear Mr Hutson

We spoke about this appn on the telephone on 31st July.

I am writing to you on behalf of my mother, Mrs Sheila Seddon, who is 89 years old and [REDACTED] Lawn Road since 1961. I also have an interest as I grew up [REDACTED] and am a frequent visitor.

We consider the Swamp Cypress which is the subject of this application to be a very fine tree which has been an important feature of the aspect from the back of my mother's house for as long as she has lived there. The majesty of this tree surely cannot be disputed. It produces the most outstanding change in colour during the year as its feathery needles change from the current deep green colour through to a stunning display of seasonal red foliage in the autumn.

My mother would like me to pass on her dismay and sadness that there is a proposal to cut this tree down, particularly if, as appears to be the case, there are viable alternatives which would ensure the structural integrity of no 16 Downside Crescent without the need to remove this tree. We understand that a further 2 trees also need to be cut down to facilitate these works and that the saving from demolishing all 3 trees would be £20,000. On what basis can a value be attributed to a tree such as this swamp cypress?

My mother and I would urge you to reject this planning application and stop the cutting down of this beautiful tree.

Yours sincerely

John Seddon