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Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION

Town and Country Planning Acts 1990 (as amended)

OBJECTION TO SECTION 211 NOTICE OF WORKS TO TREE/S IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Address:

142 Abbey Road
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Description:

FRONT GARDEN: 1 x Tree of Heaven - Fell to ground level.

The Council has considered your notification of intended works to trees dated 16 February 2021 and decided to **OBJECT** for the following reasons:

Reasons for objection:

- 1 The tree of heaven is highly visible from the street and is considered to provide a high level of visual amenity and to make a positive contribution to the character of the conservation area. The removal of this tree would have a significant impact on the street scene.

The reasons given for removing the tree relate to the roots causing damage to paving and dropping debris onto the roof and guttering. These are not usually considered to be sufficient reasons to justify the removal of a tree which is considered to be worthy of being brought under the protection of a tree preservation order. The reasons given are maintenance issues and alternative solutions such as repairing the paving in a way that reduces the chance of the roots being an issue in the future or the use of leaf guards on the guttering to prevent blockages should be considered.

A tree preservation order has been served to protect the visual amenity the tree provides and preserve the character of the conservation area.

A Tree Preservation Order has been served on the tree/s and no work should be carried out without the prior consent of the Council.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DPope', is positioned above the typed name.

Daniel Pope
Chief Planning Officer

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