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## Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to object to the owner of 24 Perrins Walk's notice (2021/5303/T) to reduce overhanging branches of a beech tree in 23 Perrins Walk. Whilst there is a magnificent beech tree in our garden, see attached for details, 23 Perrins Walk has no gardens and no tree. As the notice is for a tree that does not exist it should be withdrawn.

This time last year, the applicant made (without warning) a similar application (2020/5323/T) to take three metres of all aspects of our beech tree. It was pointed out that the application was both unneighbourly and poor arboricultural practice on a tree that makes a significant contribution to the Conservation Area, and the applicant withdrew.

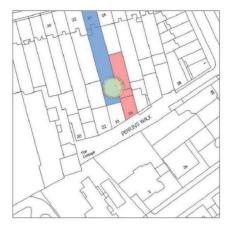
On the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 the applicant indicated that he intended to reapply to trim overhanging branches by one metre. We wrote to say that our strong preference would be for there to be no pruning of the tree, but if the pruning was restricted to the branches overhanging 24 Perrins Walk and was of no more than one meter and on each pruned stem a bud was left ready to grow (to avoid dieback) then we were minded to acquiesce. However, as the application makes no reference to the preservation of buds, we are concerned that the applicant is seeking to do irreparable damage to the tree and ask that a Tree Preservation Order be applied to the tree.

Thank you in advance.

Gareth & Lesley Rees

## **BEECH TREE - 23 CHURCH ROW**

The tree is in the garden of 23 Church Row shown on the map in blue.



The photo below is from the 2019 sale particulars for 23 Perrins Walk.



The next photos was taken in the early spring of 2021.





