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Dear Jane

I would like to oppose the above Tree Preservation Order regarding the Sycamore Tree in my front garden.

As my property is in a Conservation Area permission was requested to fell the tree as the roots of the tree are pushing out the boundary wall which fronts onto Cedar Terrace which is a public roadway and in due course the wall is likely to collapse which is dangerous to both pedestrians and road users. It can be seen from the wall that attempts have been made previously to repair the wall but this is again being pushed out.

I therefore believe that it is necessary for the wall to be properly rebuilt and in order to do this and make it completely safe it would be necessary to cut away some of the tree's roots which would ultimately weaken the tree and it is therefore preferable for the tree to be removed. I appreciate that the tree is well established but it is not a rare species of tree and the potential danger of the wall collapsing I believe is of greater importance than the preservation of the tree.

After submitting my application to fell the tree I was then advised that the tree was subject to a Tree Preservation Order made in February 1987. I queried this as when I purchased the property in 2010 this was not disclosed in my Local Search and it should have been. Had I known that the tree was subject or was going to be subject to a TPO this may have altered my decision to proceed with the purchase. The first temporary TPO was then issued in May 2012.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Chun