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Legal Services Department  
Legal and Governance,  
Sheffield City Council  
Town Hall, Pinstone Street  
Sheffield S1 2HH

Your reference LS/RC/94232

Dear Legal Services Department,

I write in response to your letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> April with the above reference.

I strongly object to your departments decision to apply a Tree Preservation Order on the tree in question and refute the reasons set out in your letter.

I have owned and lived in the property where the tree is situated since 2013. The property is a Grade2 listed building that dates to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century and is of significant historical importance to the city, and I have always had serious concerns over the tree's proximity to the building.

The main central trunk of the tree is within 6-metres of the building and is very close to a large bay window at the rear of the property which measures 5 x 3-metres and has 11 large panes of glass within its construction. Many of the branches protrude and hang over a great deal of the building and I have had several instances where branches have broken off from the tree, and having fallen to the ground have then hit and shattered some of the glass panes in the bay window, which have had to be replaced.

Other than the issue of falling branches, the branches and leaves hold a lot of water and cast a lot of shade, which creates cold shady damp areas at the rear of the house. This severely affects the guttering, facias, and soffits at the rear of the building which deteriorate quickly and regularly need to be repaired and replaced.

In my opinion the tree is simply much too close the house and poses an ongoing threat to the building and needs to be removed.

I must then challenge the reasons presented by your officer for applying the TPO:

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The tree is not visually prominent as inferred by the officer. In fact, the house obscures probably 80% of the tree from view looking from Greenhill Main Road, and standing on the pavement at Greenhill Main Road much of the remaining part of the view of the tree is obscured by a Cherry Tree in the front garden. I strongly challenge the officers view and suggest that very few people would even notice that a tree is present, and as only about 20% of the tree is visible from the main road then it is certainly not prominent. I attach pictures to support this.

I am not suggesting that the tree is at present unhealthy but there is a large decay pocket present on the front of one of the main trunks where the tree splits into three separate off shoot trunks, and this adds further concern and worry about the longer-term potential danger to the house. I attach a photo to evidence this point.

I feel very strongly that this tree is simply too close to such an old house. The building is grade 2 listed and of historical importance to the city and as the owner of the property I feel extremely uncomfortable that such an imposing tree is so close.

I have called the officer of this case several times to discuss this matter further but despite leaving several voice messages my attempts to reach out appear to have been ignored.

The property benefits from having a significant garden area at the rear, and if it could be agreed that this tree should be removed then I would be happy to plant other trees further away from the house and would be happy if this were a condition of agreement as a way in which we could work together.

I truly hope that this preservation order is reversed and that we can agree that the tree is to be removed. My priority must be the building and I will have no choice but to continue to challenge any preservation order.

Yours Sincerely,



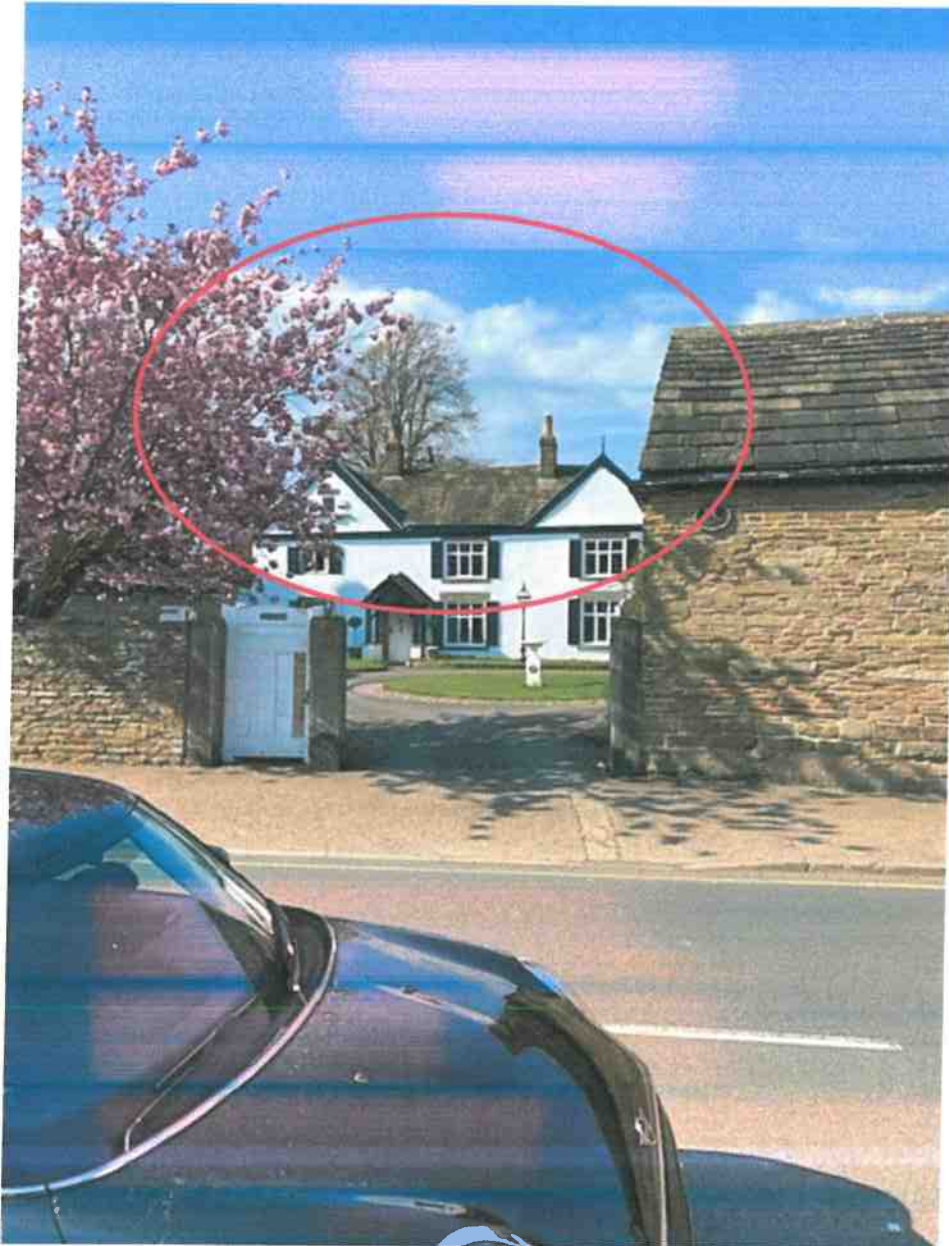
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Enclosure

View directly from front gates of house, photo taken 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021



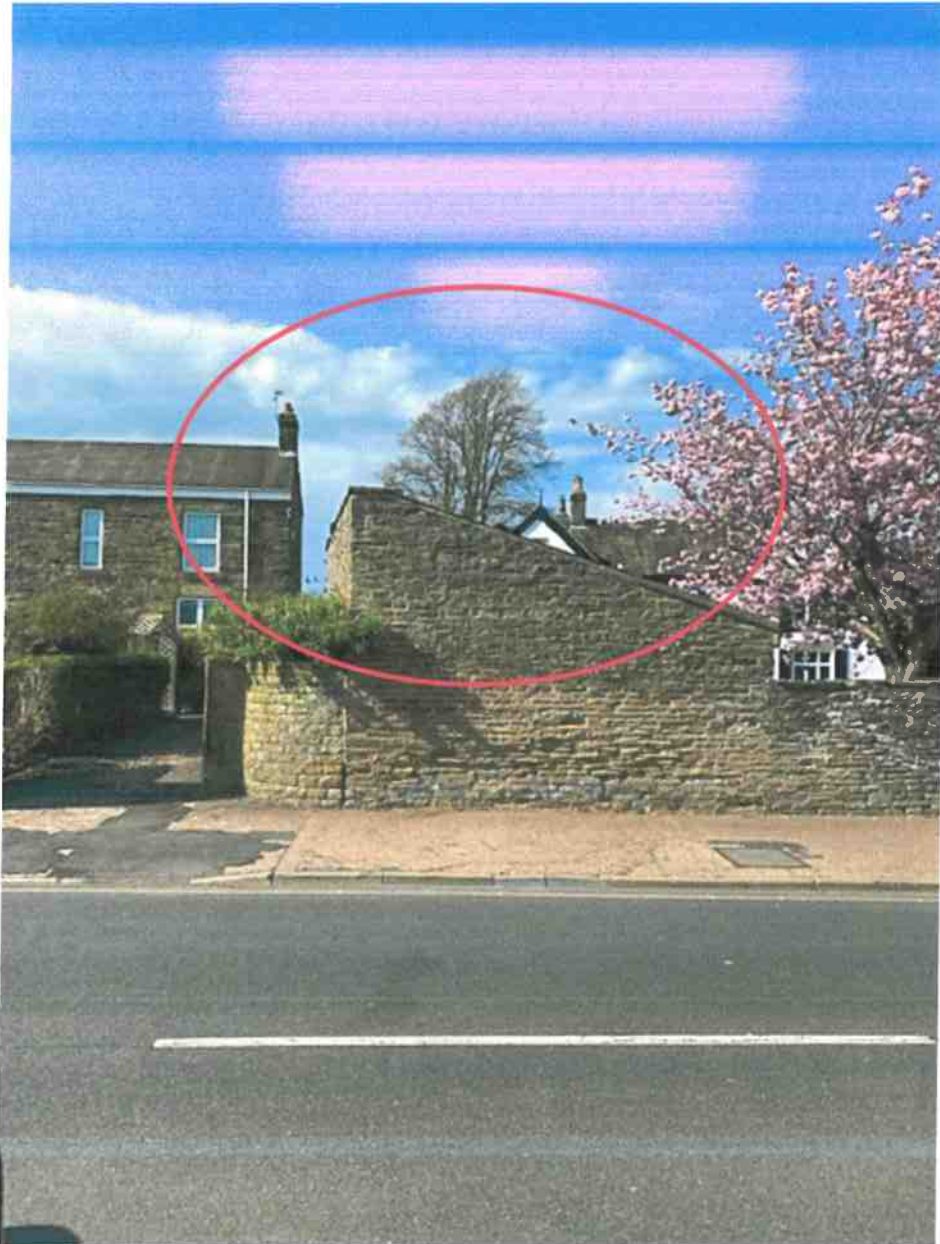
View from Greenhioll main Road – phot taken 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021



**View from Greenhill Main Road directly opposite the house – photo taken 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



**View from Greenhill Main Road from right hand side of property – photo taken 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



**View from rear of property – photo taken 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



**View from pavement on Torwood Drive – photo taken 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**





View from end of Torwood Drive – photo taken 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021



**Further views from front of house taken from Greenhill Main Road on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**



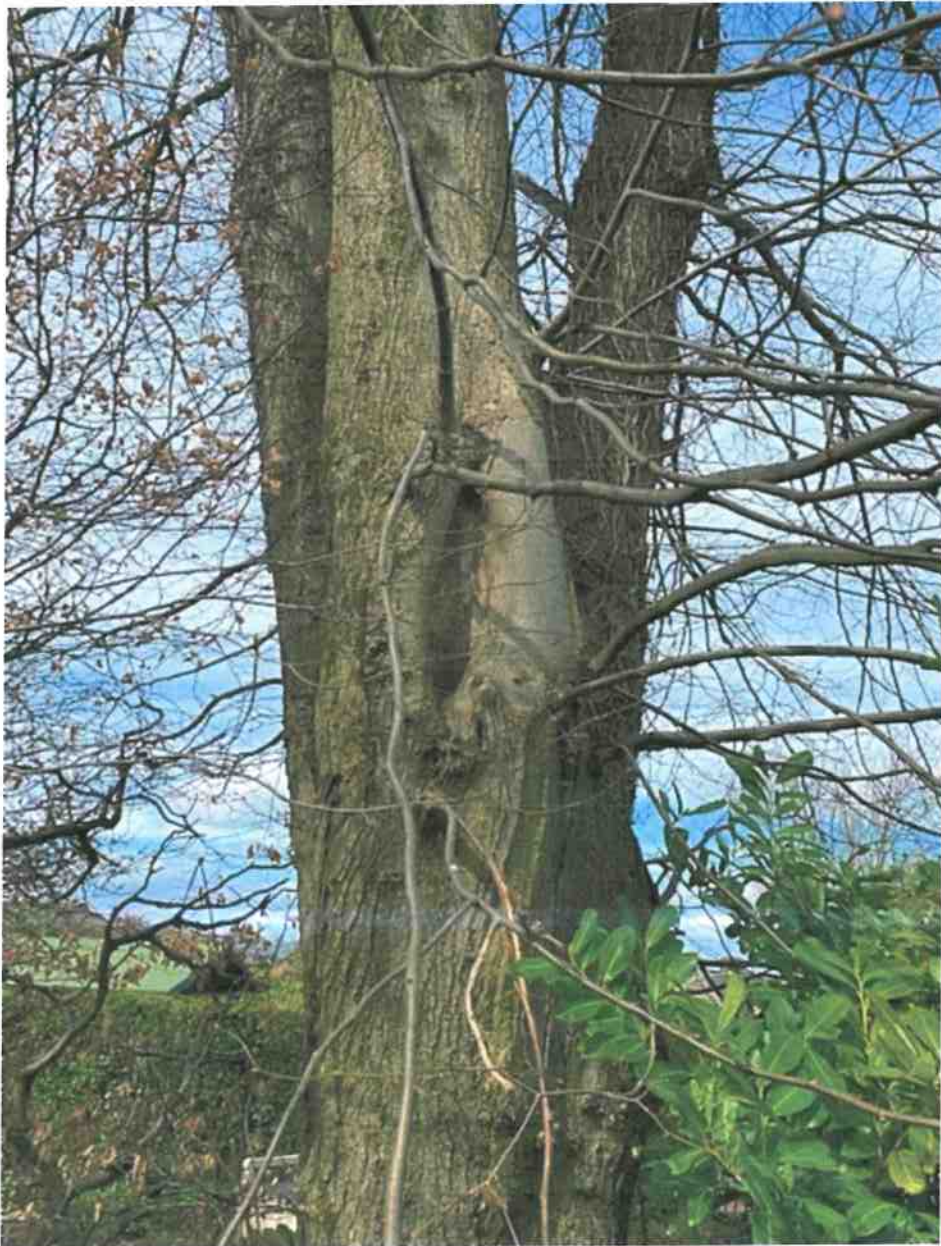
**Further views from front of house taken from Greenhill Main Road on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**



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**Picture of decay pocket on main trunk**



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