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Dear Toby,

Planning Application 20/01642/TPO - Broadleaf House and Land Adjacent to Broadleaf House, Sunningdale Heights, Sunningdale Ascot

(T1 and T2) Leylandii - Fell. (T3) Sycamore - Fell. (T4) Laurel - Fell. (T5) Oak - Reduce height of canopy by 2m to give finished height of approximately 13m. (T6) Lime - Reduce height by 2m to give finished height of approximately 13m. (T7) Holly - Fell. (T8) Ash (Triple stem) - Fell. (T9) Holly - Fell. (TPO 30 of 2004).

The accompanying Property History includes reference to the application 13/01658, approved on Appeal but does not include the very recent application, 19/03047- for TPO works to trees at Elder House and Chestnut House, Sunningdale Heights which are adjacent to Broadleaf House.

Whilst this application is for tree works at Broadleaf House and land adjacent to Broadleaf House all these three previously mentioned houses were included on exactly the same plot that was allowed on Appeal under 13/01658.

This is relevant as there was a 52-page arboricultural report from Barrell Tree Consultancy which listed all the trees on the site by number, species, height, maturity, and category accompanying 13/01658.

When the Inspector allowed 13/01658 and granted planning permission for 9 apartments and 3 detached houses (Broadleaf, Elder, Chestnut) on this plot there were 3 main issues the Inspector considered.

The second of these was ***'The effect of the proposed scheme on the protected trees on the site, including the possibility of pressure for felling or removal of parts of the trees in the future.'***

Additionally, under Section 38 the Inspector stated that ***'Because of the need to safeguard the protected trees which are to be retained it is necessary to require adherence to a detailed scheme for their protection.'***

Section 14 of the Appeal notice commented on the importance of the site TPO. *'Virtually all, if not all, of the trees currently on the site are included within a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).'*

Hence there can be little doubt going forward about the importance of retaining the TPO trees on the site.

Below is the diagram accompanying 19/03047 which had requested substantial tree works to TPO trees within the Elder House boundary.



19/03047 REFUSED

The RBWM decision notice accompanying the refusal of the felling of a number of trees under 19/03047 commented that ***'The subject trees are situated within a Woodland TPO which is designed to safeguard the woodland unit as a whole which, assuming they are structural sound, includes natural regeneration and trees of poor form or that have received poor pruning in the past.'***

Given the importance of retaining trees on this plot the Parish Council would have expected this application to make reference to the Barrell Tree Consultancy report accompanying 13/01658 and use this as a basis for any suggested tree works. The previously refused application 19/03047 was also very recent and the same arboricultural company, Out There Trees has been contracted to advise on both this application as well as 19/03047.

This application includes a rather sketchy map shown below but no indication of the size and age of the



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trees being recommended for remedial works which includes some felling. Similarly, the application form states under section 8 that the trees are neither diseased nor are they likely to cause damage to property. Works to four trees including an oak and a lime are indicated for the reason that they are blocking the light. This would seem to be at variance with the Inspector's original recommendation.

The contradictory information contained within this application as well as the difficulty of ascertaining which trees are designated for works and or felling when compared to the original Barrel arboricultural report is of concern. The Parish Council request that a RBWM Tree Officer visit the site to ascertain which if any of these works should proceed.

If this is not possible then this application should be **REFUSED**.

Yours sincerely

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