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Dear Tree team,

21/00462 Castlereagh Devenish Lane Sunningdale Ascot SL5 9QU

Beech - Crown thin by 25% and remove crossing limbs. (TPO 21 of 2016).

As can be seen in the photograph to the right, which was submitted by the applicant, this beech tree is a mature, fine, large, and significant specimen that is situated on its own in the front garden of the house, close to the road and in full public view.

There is only one reason stated in the application for the proposed crown thinning by 25%.

This is because ***'the owner of this tree finds it overwhelming and suffocating'***.

The Parish Council believe **this is an unacceptable reason** to apply such surgery to the tree given its condition, maturity, and position.

The owner hopes that the proposed work – thinning the canopy by 25% and removing any crossing limbs will *'allow the wind to flow more freely through the tree.'*

It is thought that any such works as extensive as that requested by the applicant must increase the likelihood of introducing additional damage to the tree that might affect its longevity.



The application form mentions the name of the agent 'Woodchips Limited'. However, we note that this company have made no comment about the condition of the tree and the request for the proposed works appears to be solely the house owner's belief that such works will *'allow the wind to flow more freely'*.

The beech tree has a very symmetrical and uniform appearance which is especially visible when the tree is not in leaf, as in the above photograph. The Parish Council would have thought that this symmetry and the overall visual impact of the tree would also be adversely affected by the proposed works.

However, we would refer to the Tree Team for their expert advice.

Subject to advice from the Tree team which we may have overlooked the Parish Council request this application is **REFUSED**.

Regards

Michael Burn and Yvonne Jacklin
Co-chairs of Planning