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Dear Toby

21/01479/TPO: 19 Station Road Sunningdale Ascot SL5 0QL

T1 - Oak - Crown reduction (see photograph) and Crown lifting by 5m from ground level. (TPO 60 of 2002)

Under the approved scheme, 20/00781 the accompanying Arboricultural Impact Assessment report, prepared by Treetec consultancy limited, dated March 2020 clearly stated the following for the oak tree, T1 (now proposed for crown reduction under 21/ 01479):

'A large English oak dominates the garden and is of significant amenity value. This tree is covered by a TPO and therefore it is important to ensure that the trees health is not compromised in anyway.'

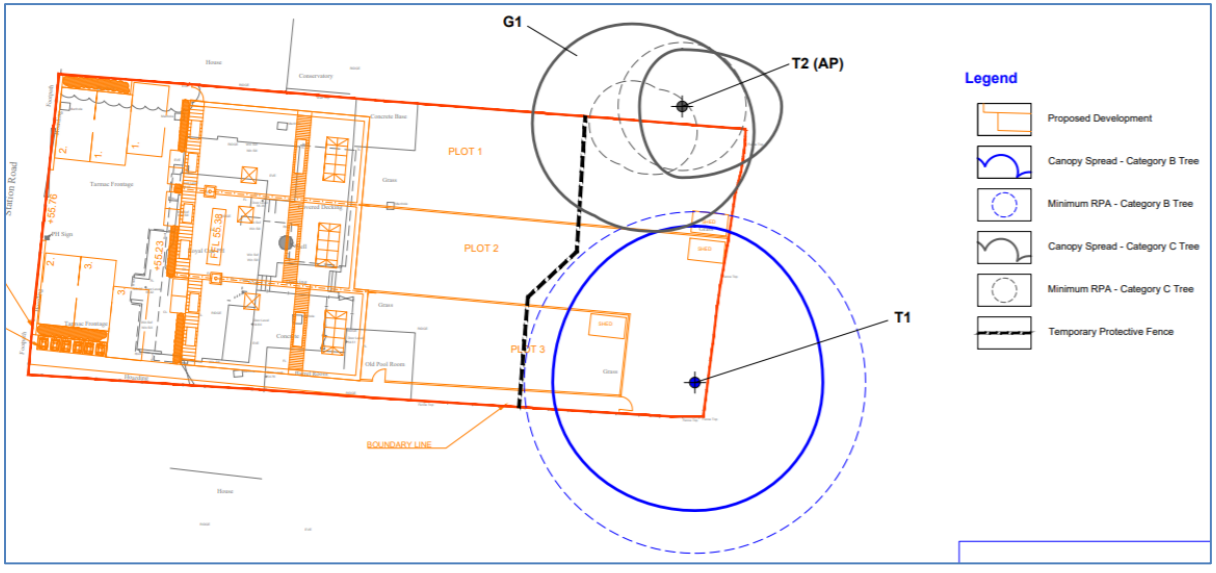
The same report then stated that ***'there are no actions planned for this tree'***.

The RBWM Tree Team comments (July 2020) accompanying 20/01479 could not have been more specific:

- 1. T1 is a high amenity oak tree and has incorrectly awarded a 'B' category. It is of good physiological and structural condition and has an expected life expectancy in excess of 40 years and therefore would accrue an A1 category.**
- 2. In principle, there are no objections to the proposed development subject to the tree protective fencing be installed in accord with the Treetec consultancy Ltd Tree Protection Plan DWG No 2 March 2020.**

Now, less than a year after writing that no TPO tree works were required to the oak tree T1, the applicant is requesting extensive works to this tree amounting to 30% crown reduction. There is no accompanying arboricultural report to support the application.

A photograph of the tree with an ink line showing the suggested crown reduction is all that is supplied. Furthermore, the photograph shows that extensive ground works have already been undertaken up to the trunk of this A1 category, 26-metre-high oak tree which would appear to be in contravention of the RBWM tree team stipulation and the applicants submitted tree protection plan drawings as shown below.



The Parish Council also note the applicant’s reasons stated for this crown reduction are ‘... *due to the size of the tree and the encroachment onto neighbour’s properties and excessive shading to neighbouring properties.*’

Yet, in all the years this tree has been at a similar height there has not been any application for crown reduction of this tree from any of the neighbours.



The Parish Council strongly **OBJECT** to this application. We also request the tree team further investigate any non-compliance of the existing approved scheme tree protection plan.

Yours sincerely

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Co-Chairs of the Planning Committee