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Dear Toby

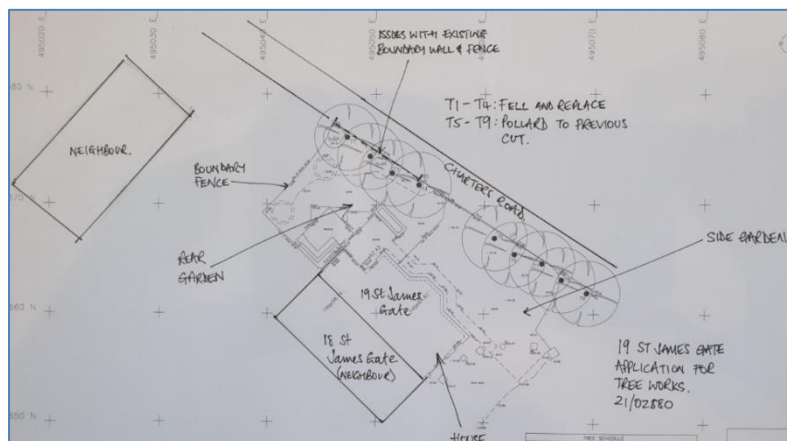
21/02880/TPO - 19 St James Gate Sunningdale Ascot SL5 9SS

T1, T2, T3 and T4 - Lime trees - fell, T5, T6, T7 - Lime trees - Crown reduction by 4 - 6m to leave a height of 7m and a spread of 2m. (TPO 11 of 2002)

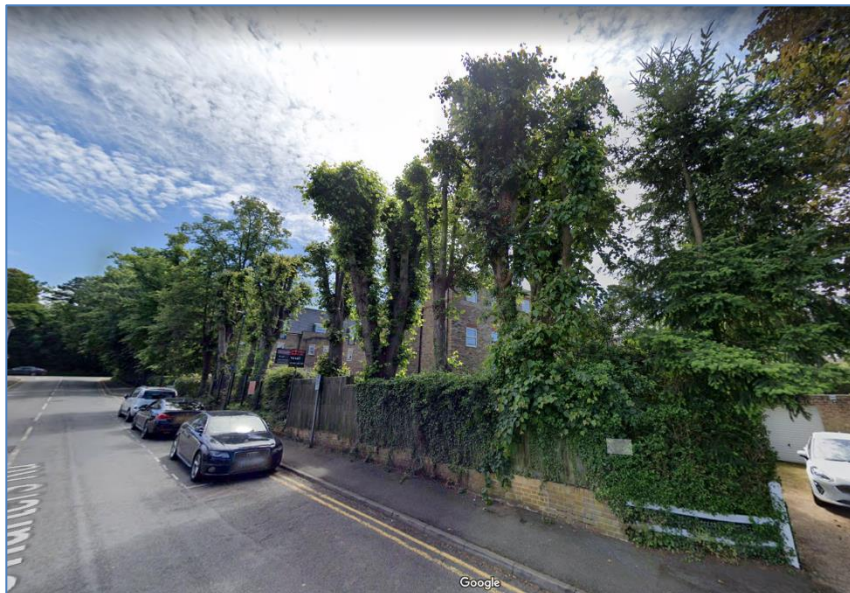
The Planning Committee **objects** to this application that was considered at its meeting on 2 November 2021.

This application concerns eight lime trees which sit on the boundary of St. James gate and Charters Road (shown on the right), requested the pollarding of T5-T9 but the felling of T1-T4.

The Parish Council support the request to pollard trees T5-T9, however object to the felling of T1-T4.

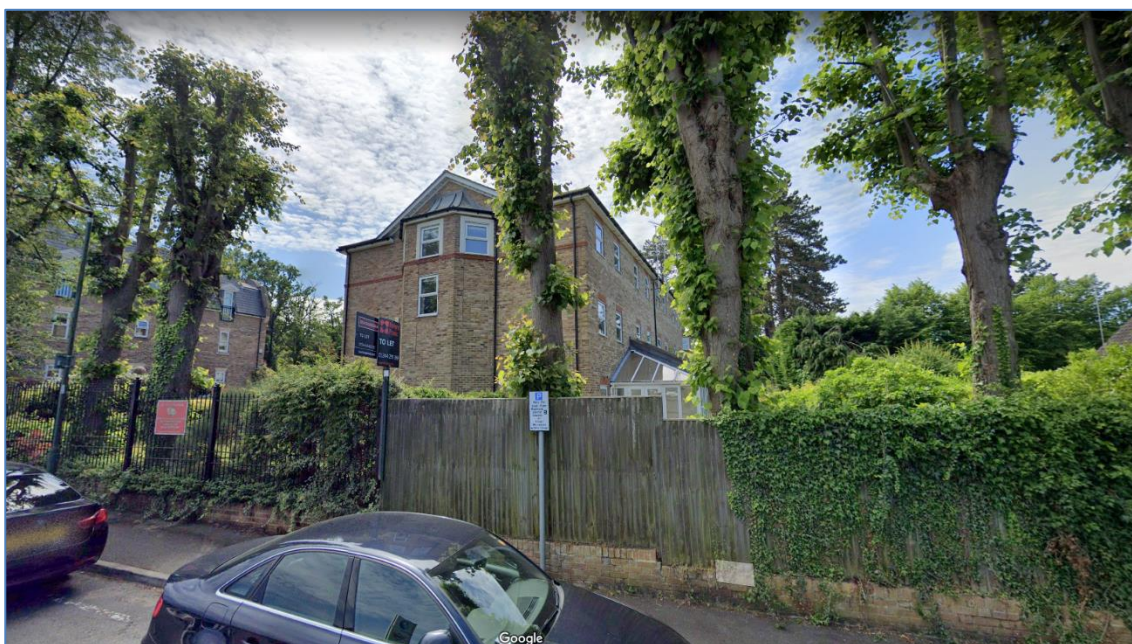


These eight trees create significant amenity value along this section of Charters Road as shown on the right.



The argument for felling these four trees is that there is a safety risk should the dwarf wall and fence fall on the pavement, and that the trees would cause further cracking and displacement of the pavement and could cause a trip hazard.

However, the boundary treatment across this section of pavement varies from the section in front of T5-T9 which is metal railings, and the section in front of T1-T4. See right.



The Parish Council would support the pollarding of all eight trees back to their previous pollard points. If the owner wishes to reduce the risks identified in his supporting letter, then this could be achieved by replacing the dwarf wall and fencing with railings adjacent to trees T1-T4 to match the boundary treatment adjacent to trees T5-T9.

The purpose of the TPO is to protect the trees and not to protect the wall.

This request to fell so many trees would be contrary to paragraph 131 of the NPPF 2021, which asks that “existing trees are retained wherever possible”.

The Parish Council ask that this application is **Refused**.

Yours sincerely

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Co-Chairs of the Planning Committee