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Re Car Parking to rear of 78 - 86 West Street, Havant.

Planning Ref APP/13/00051. Removal of Trees T7 and T8 Macrocarpa.

Dear Mr Newby,

On Saturday we met Mr Danby owner of 80a West Street on site and confirm our joint wish to have the two Macrocarpa trees T7 and T8 at the rear of 80 West Street removed. We have asked Mr Danby to act on our behalf in securing permission.

To help you and the planners our reasons are as follows -

We recognize the trees were originally judged by the Arboriculturist as Category C (low quality trees in adequate condition) and scheduled for removal and at that time, felt the trees should not be removed wantonly. However with the passage of time they have grown significantly and are now dominating our small back gardens.

The trees are fairly young in their life cycle and we are told they will treble in size if left to mature. Already they cast shade and pollute our rear gardens with dropped needles and planting beneath them is impossible.

Further, the expansion of the root system has already cracked and distorted the lovely boundary wall between 78 and 80a West Street, incidently, built with Pycroft hand made bricks from the old Hayling brickworks. Clearly the root system will destroy the wall in time.

Our rear gardens are very narrow, and we have worked hard to establish cottage style gardens to the rear of both of our houses. We now find the trees continue to encroach on our gardens taking about 30% of the light. We have been forced to give up our vegetable patch at the bottom of the garden. Clearly the scale of the trees, and their potential for expansion are not suited to small gardens like ours.

Despite being within a conservation area, the removal of the trees will have no, or very little impact upon anyone apart from the occupants of our three properties. Conversely, in our opinion removal will in fact enhance the area by allowing more suitable garden development and we are more than happy for replacement planting to happen.

We would ask the council to give urgent consideration to the growing problem we have. A site visit by the Council Arboricultural officer Jamie Garget would, we feel sure, highlight the situation we are suffering and make common sense prevail.

Yours sincerely

Mrs  canlan