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**Ms M Stewart
Development Management
Havant Borough Council
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1 February 2018

Dear Ms Stewart

Re: Planning Application APP/18/00124

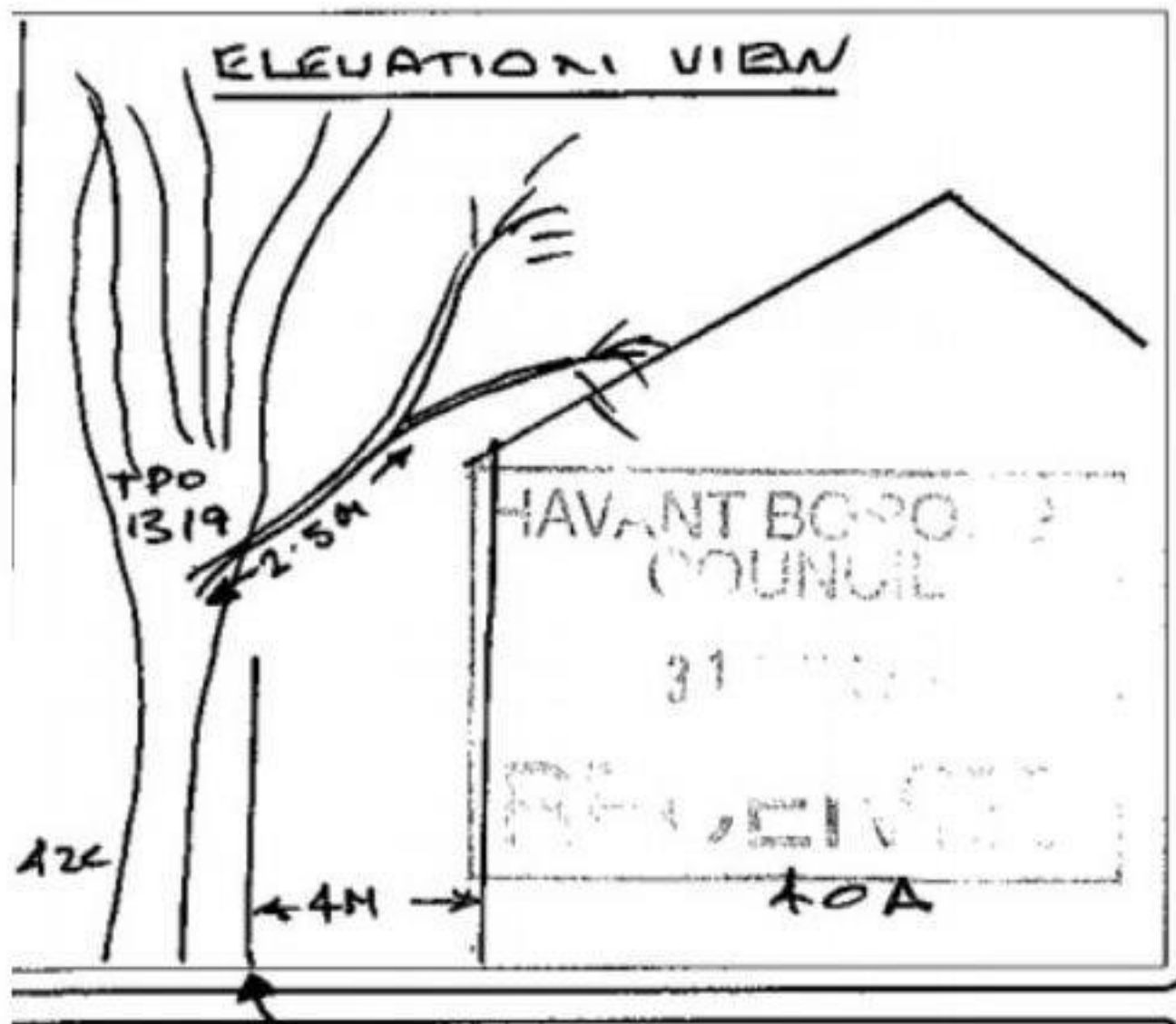
Thank you for your letter dated 31 January 2018 about a proposal to remove the major limb of a very attractive fine sycamore specimen in the garden of my neighbour that is to east of me.

We have lived in our property since 1989 and the tree, to the best of my knowledge has never been pruned since we moved in except for some minor low hanging branches that were trimmed to retain it's shape and the very unexpected removal of a north facing branch about a year ago.

I am writing to strongly object to this application for these reasons:

- The tree provides considerable amenity value to ourselves and no doubt our neighbours.
- This is a particularly good specimen of a sycamore which was damaged when the last major limb was removed.
- The removal of a further major northern limb of the tree would in my opinion completely destroy the shape of the tree, and so should be resisted.
- Looking at the photographs I took today, I struggle to see how the branch hits the house, but if it does, I would not object to the last 500mm of the branch being removed. It is totally unacceptable to remove the entire limb as was done before.
- The tree has been there many years and does not appear to have grown much since 1989; and the tree was there before the house was built.
- The applicant's drawing is not a true representation of the shape of the tree

Applicant's Drawing of the tree below



The actual tree photographed on 1 February 2018 showing the limb that was removed before; the limb above is the one proposed to be removed.



This photograph shows the existing south facing branches highlighted in red. The planning application requests the removal of the major limb in green, and this shows how unbalanced the tree would then be. This photo is taken from the east of the tree.



This photo is taken from the drive to the south of the tree and shows what a fine shape the tree is; the red mark indicates where the lower limb was removed about a year ago.



This photograph is taken from our garden and to the west of the tree. Note the green marks are branches from a nearby may tree. The red circle is where the limb was removed a year ago and which unbalanced the tree. The red cross is the limb that is proposed to be removed and which I object to as it would further damage the shape of the tree.



I am asking that you **refuse** permission to remove the limb proposed.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box used to redact the signature of John Perry.

John Perry