

To:

The Planning Service,
The Public Service Plaza,
Civic Centre Road,
Havant,
Hants. PO9 2AX.

From:



9th May 2022.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Planning Application Ref. APP/22/00349. Felling of tree adjoining Crest House, Stakes Hill Road.

I write to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed felling of the wonderful Copper Beech tree, an application for which has been lodged with you by the occupants of Crest House. This tree is one of the most magnificent arboreal specimens still left in an area where they are increasingly being felled. I have knowledge of this tree since 1945, when it was part of the property which now forms Khandala Gardens. I now have to watch as Havant Borough Council fell huge swathes of trees and undergrowth fronting Purbrook Way under the dubious reasoning that it is 'to stop ash die-back'!

The tree which is the subject of the Application is irreplaceable by any other alternative. It is indispensable as a wild-life habitat and visual delight to our environment here. We have another tree adjoining us, a sycamore, also the subject of a TPO, which sheds its leaves in Autumn, just as does the tree in question. We clear these leaves and take them for composting, rather than throwing them over the fence as is the case we have witnessed from Crest House. Crest House has a vast frontage which has been cleared of all vegetation and surfaced with asphalt and concrete blocks and which drains onto the public highway. Further removal of natural features will only increase the area of such 'concrete jungle'.

I trust that, on this occasion, the Application will be refused.

Yours faithfully,

