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Dear Mr Gargett

Ref: APP/16/01138 – Reduction of Lawson Cypress

I write to submit and express my views on the above proposal. The tree in question is positioned directly outside of my lounge window and thus plays a large part in my day to day living. I very much hope that my views will be given due consideration when making the decision upon the reduction of the trees size.

There are two main views I would like to submit:

Firstly, all plants and trees grow and this Lawson Cypress tree is no different. When I moved in it was considerably smaller, but over the years it has grown. We are not asking for the tree to be removed, what I would like is the tree to be cut back as per the proposal to a size it was a few years ago. Surely this is a reasonable request. Most people prune and cut back plants and trees to a reasonable size and this tree should come into line with natural garden etiquette. If we do not prune back then the tree will just continue to grow and grow, at what point will it become unsafe, dangerous and at risk of bending in high winds? To reiterate I am simply asking for the tree to be reduced to a size it was a few years ago.

Secondly, and perhaps most importantly, I would like you to take into consideration the effect the tree has upon my source of daylight and the outlook from my window. It has become so large now that more and more daylight is being obstructed from my flat. Especially as we come into the winter months, I am having to put my lights on more, which in turn raises my electric fuel costs. Even just these few metres removed would make a large difference to the daylight able to enter my living room window, I wouldn't feel as if I am living in perpetual darkness and I would be able to see a little more of the sky from my window instead of 90% tree. This is very important to me as I spend a great deal of time in my flat.

Please note that I completely understand the preservation order is in place and that is why we are simply asking for the tree to be pruned, which may thereafter need to be done every few years. But is this not what happens in gardens around the country in residential areas? If people did not prune and trim back, residential areas would be completely overgrown. It is quite honestly good horticultural protocol to maintain plants especially when they are affecting the living conditions within local resident's properties.

I very much hope you will take into consideration my views and I would be happy to discuss them further.

Yours sincerely,

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Joan Brine