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Dear Jeremy
We co-own the flat 47 The Turret Southwick Street. I am writing in response to the TPO Planning Application AWDM/0623/23

Previous tenants complained over the trees – the reduction in light to the front of the property is terrible. Tenants have been forced to leave lights on all year round – something that is both a waste of resource and a cost to the tenant.

The flat/building suffers from terrible damp which has prevented it from being lived in or rented out for approx. 1 and half years. This has resulted in a large loss of income and the property itself has largely deteriorated and depreciated. Despite having had several people work on the source of the damp we were unable eradicate it. The property has now sat empty for a long time – so a loss of a potential home for someone and a loss of income. The trees – specifically T2 – are too large and greatly overshadow the property so the building doesn't have a good opportunity to dry out and breath. Water sits on the turret for days after its rained. Leaves and indeed whole branches gather behind the chimneys and in the gulley and guttering's. The excessive moisture has resulted in cracking of the rendering and damaged the chimney. The driveway is permanently in autumn meaning it is impossible to maintain the drive and stop mud and leaves tracking in. We have been advised by builders and by the tree surgeon that these trees are too big to be so close to the house and so after great discussion with the owner of 47 Southwick Street we were pleased when the application for their removal was submitted.

T2 is sat further back of the drive and partially obscured by the house and T1 – visually its only of real value to the neighbours and they appear to be full support of its removal having all put up with its excessive leaf drop and shadowing. No one objected to the tree being removed, with one neighbour in full support to the point I believe they also objected to the initial TPO placed.

We object to the TPO and would like the felling of these trees to be reconsidered. Failing that we would like our support for the lopping of T2 and crown reduction and thinning of T1 to be registered (ideally to a height of the building or below).

Regards

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