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To:Planning Support Technical

Subject:Re: 20/505748/TPOA 15 Banky Meadow Maidstone Kent ME16 9JX

Dear Mr Cusssons

Thank you for your recent correspondence. Since sending our Application Form asking for the topping of the Wellington Fir Tree in our garden, we have requested and gained the advice from a reputable local tree surgeon. Given that we love the tree we ask only for reasonable measures to make it safe. It stands three foot from a public footpath at the rear and side of our garden. From the tree to the back of the house the garden stretches 80ft. The tree surgeon estimates the tree to be 90 to 100ft high. There are many houses built in close proximity and we consider we have a duty of care towards them and people using the footpath. Some have expressed concern when passing.

More recently we have viewed the tree from Wesley Close, behind our garden and felt some alarm at the degree that it was bending to the left. There are more strong winds and heavy rain periods these days, all which have taken a toll on the tree.

We have asked the tree surgeon for an estimate of works and will obviously arrange and pay for this if given permission. He says that it needs topping and thinning because it is top-heavy which makes it bend.

We are an elderly couple and not good with IT but have done our best to inform you of possible dangers.

We are using Maidstone tree services

Yours sincerely Mrs S Tucker & Mr M.J. Tucker