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Dear Irene

I do appreciate that the time / permission for sending comments regarding this application is now over but this email is **urgent** –

I have just had a meeting / inspection with a top level professional tree surgeon. (Michael – Friendly Tree Services) to get an update of the condition of the Pine Tree.

At the meeting ... the tree surgeon also spoke on the phone to Duncan Pascoe – Town Councillor

I attach several photos to confirm the following new points as confirmed by the tree surgeon :-

Proof that the **pine tree is dying** very serious very bad condition of the bark over the **whole** tree
which means the tree is dying and needs to be replaced or reduced by 40% to 50% as the town councillors requested.

The sudden level of lean which has occurred over the past 2 months – this is also a warning.

Roots showing up at the base of the tree – possibly indicating stress

I thank you so much for your time and take great care.

Kind regards
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