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Dear Irene Fletcher,

Have recently received the letter of the planning application DM/25/0212 to cut my oak tree T1 on the Eastern side. This tree has a Tree Preservation Order. The flats next door wanted to cut the tree back some years ago and did so using a cherry picker on their land up to the border.

The tree is about 400 years old and very precious. The Forestry Commission came here back in the early 80s when looking for acorns and said it was 350 years old. They didn't want to take the thousands we had as it is a Southern Quercus which branches low down.

They said oak trees commonly live to around 600 years, they grow for the first 300 and shrivel for the next 300. Lots of twiglets to sweep up all the time. I do not wish to cut the entire crown as it shrivels.

My family has lived in this house since 1916. In 1942 my grandmother had it cut to a big stump. Then in 1987 it lost most of the high branches in the great storm. So it is well based.

I think cutting it back on the east side as far as 3 metres is too much and might unbalance the tree. I would consent to it being trimmed back to the boundary or up to 1.5 metres. No more than that. This may be done with a cherry picker, not from my land.

Yours sincerely,

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