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BY EMAIL AND HARD COPY

Dear Mr Ball

**OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 930 WELLINGTON ROAD
NO.4 HATCH END ON LAND AT 76 WELLINGTON ROAD, HATCH END, HA5 4NH.**

I am writing to formally object to proposed Tree Preservation Order no.4 Hatch End relating to a Wellingtonia tree in the garden of my neighbours property at 76 Wellington Road.

As your records will indicate, I am in agreement to sell my property to Fusion Residential should Fusion Residential ultimately determine to implement either of their recently gained planning consents. However this implementation is by no means guaranteed in the current economic climate and it is primarily on this basis that I write to you today.

As you will be aware the Wellingtonia is a mature tree dominating the surrounding area of Wellington Road and Woodridings Avenue. I estimate the height of the tree to be in the region of 30m or so with a substantial crown spread. You will be aware that the tree is exceptionally close to 76 Wellington Road, indeed were it to topple I estimate there are at least 6 other properties upon which the tree could fall - including my own. I do not consider that a tree with so much potential to cause substantial damage to property should be protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

My reasons for objection are as follows:- I am concerned that by imposing a TPO this protection will prevent the owners being able to remove the tree should they be concerned as to its health, become concerned that it is too close to their property, cause direct damage or simply be deemed 'overbearing' - be that in relation to the current no.76 or indeed any scheme Fusion Residential might implement in the future.

Additionally I am concerned that the tree roots are constantly causing damage to my driveway generating costs for repair which I am, frankly, fed up with having to pay.

Whilst I concur that the tree is an impressive specimen, its siting is too close to adjacent properties with the potential to cause much damage were it to fall. Additionally it is already causing damage to my driveway and no doubt other adjacent properties both below ground level (roots) and above (branches/debris quite often fall on 76 Wellington Road already). For these reasons I conclude that imposing a Tree Protection order places undue hurdles in the way of the owner determining how best to respond to the challenges imposed by their tree. I do not agree that the Council should have the last say in determining whether damage caused is acceptable or not. I strenuously object to the protection of this tree on this ground alone.

For the reasons given above I do not consider that TPO 930 Wellington Road no.4 Hatch End should be imposed.

Please keep me informed of the Council's decision on this matter in due course.

Yours sincerely

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