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Re: Application for Permission to Remove Trees within a Conservation Area - Hurstead House Nursing Home

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the landowner to formally request permission for the removal of five trees located at Hurstead House Nursing Home, 631 Halifax Road, Rochdale, OL12 9QU, which we understand are situated within a TPO area.

The reasons for this request are primarily due to the condition of the trees, their positioning, and the risks they currently pose to people, property, and surrounding infrastructure.

Details of Trees:

Sycamore Tree (adjacent to building): **Tree -A**

This tree is suffering from anthracnose disease.

It is positioned less than 5 metres from the building, creating a high risk of damage to the structure, nearby vehicles, and pedestrians. Diseased and dead branches.

Alder Tree (large, central location): **Tree - B**

This tree is suffering from Phytophthora, evident from the darkened bark, significant dieback of branches, and discolouration of the leaves.

Several branches are already rotten, and the overall decline poses a serious risk to surrounding buildings, vehicles, fences, and pedestrians.

Sycamore Tree (adjacent to driveway): **Tree - C**

Also suffering from disease and poor condition.

Its location next to the driveway poses a direct hazard to vehicles and pedestrians due to the potential for dead falling branches or instability.

Sycamore tree: (Other side of Drive way): **Tree - E**

(adjacent to the carpark facility located on the corner of a raised bed). Also suffering from disease and also has 3 tight (v) shapes at the base of the tree. This is a weak union and are prone to failure and can snape on strong winds or in snow or even by the tree's own weight. This opposes a direct hazard to surrounding buildings, vehicles, and pedestrians.

A dead sycamore: Located adjacent to car park facility: **Tree – D**

A tree that positioned on the left-hand side of the main entrance of the drive. This tree apposes hight risk to surrounding buildings, and vehicles, and pedestrians.

Summary of Risks:

All five trees have outgrown their environment and are now interfering with nearby structures and BT telephone lines.

The risk factors include potential injury to pedestrians, damage to buildings, vehicles, and fences, and further deterioration of the surrounding trees and grounds.

In light of these issues, I strongly recommend the removal of all five trees. This will mitigate the immediate hazards and safeguard both the public and nearby properties.

I kindly request that the Council grants permission for their removal at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

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