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**Re: Cheshire East Borough Council (Knutsford – 82 King Street) Tree Preservation Order**

We are writing to you as a local business occupying part the area affected by the Preservation Order placed on the Lime Tree at Leaks Terrace, 82 Kings Street Knutsford on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Whilst we welcome the commitment of the local government in recognising the importance of trees in the area, we are contacting you to raise several significant Health and Safety issues we believe this tree is now causing.

We would appreciate our comments being taken into consideration and are hoping that the council will consider putting health and safety before the preservation of the tree in light of our comments.

The height and size now cause great concern from a health and safety perspective for many reasons.

We are very close to the base of the tree and fear that it will cause damage to both ours and surrounding properties due to the extent of the root expanse and the overhanging canopy of both the large and small branches.

The overhanging branches are also a constant threat of falling on to members of the public.

The latter is also a constant concern for local company staff members, who park their cars in the area on a daily basis.

We have several sets of steps adjacent to our property that are used regularly by us and members of the public and leaves falling from this cause a serious slip hazard, particularly in the winter months.

Surely removing the tree will also allow the current occupiers of the land connected to 82 king street to fully develop the plot.

We would like to express our formal objection to the preservation notice placed on the tree and therefore, would support the removal of the tree.

We look forward to hearing your response.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]