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Dear Ms. Hood

Your ref. 18/1207T section 211 Notification to Fell (current)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 24/4/2018 in which you reject my application to fell an oak tree identified as T1 standing between an access track and the driveway of 17a Jackson Lane, Kerridge, SK10 5BE.

I would like to appeal against your decision not to allow the felling of this tree for the following reasons:

- Whilst I agree with your arguments about tree preservation in a conservation area, and the importance of maintaining such trees, an exception should be considered when safety is an issue.
- You point out that the tree is healthy. However, healthy trees blow down and as you are aware several healthy trees in the vicinity of my house blew down during a storm last winter.
- Three years ago a tree in the grounds of Hollin Hall hotel, which backs on to my land, blew down and wrote off my daughter's car (which was parked next to the oak tree in question). She had exited the vehicle only minutes before the accident.
- You state that 'the tree in question is between 8 and 15m tall and is situated an acceptable distance from the tree owner's property'. However, the tree is nearer to 20m tall and is only 10m from my property. In fact, the lower branches of the tree are almost touching the house.
- The area we are discussing is exposed and subject to strong winds during a storm. Moreover, the tree in question is growing on bed rock and has a shallow root system and as the tree matures it is becoming increasingly top heavy. If we are to believe global warming, adverse weather conditions will prevail and storms we experienced last winter will become more common. Moreover, since Hollin Hall hotel topped the fir trees, behind this oak tree, the top of this tree is now further exposed to winds from the west.

As mentioned previously, I agree with your policies to protect trees in a conservation area. However, to put this into perspective, there are in excess of 50 trees within 100m of my property. Indeed, there are 25 trees on my own land of which 9 are mature trees. I am asking for the removal of only one of these

trees based on our safety concerns. I believe there would be limited impact on the local landscape by the removal of a single tree.

I would ask you to reconsider my application to remove this tree.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,