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SCC Ref: LS/RC/86530

**Representation regarding trees covered by
Sheffield City Council Tree Preservation Order No.433 (2019) at:
9 Ranmoor Crescent, Sheffield S10 3GU**

I am providing written representation following the making of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) by Sheffield City Council, which took effect on 26th February 2019, covering the tree specified as T1 Silver Fir.

This written representation follows a site visit and assessment of the tree undertaken in March 2019.

In brief, I **object** to the proposed serving of a Tree Preservation Order on this site. My reasons for objecting are as follows:

My detailed inspection raised significant concerns as to the structural stability of the tree due to limited anchorage of structural roots to the south of the tree. Although the tree has grown in a manner that has so far supported its size and weight, it shows little to no lateral structural root growth immediately to the south of the stem.

The stone retaining wall has been shown to be lacking in stability from the recent loss of two large stones from within the retaining wall. It is highly likely the direct pressure of the stem and roots have caused this damage and further collapse of the wall structure is likely, increasing the likelihood of windthrow.

While Silver Fir species is of some arboricultural interest within a residential garden, the species is more common as a forestry tree, where it is known as a fast-growing species susceptible to windthrow.

These factors suggest that a catastrophic failure of the tree, at the base, is foreseeable and as such the tree poses an unacceptable level of risk to people and property. While this may not be urgent, I cannot see any other prognosis for the tree in the longer term and as such a TPO would not be suitable.

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The tree is only visually prominent from limited public aspects, particularly the north east, yet it provides some landscape value. However, the two more mature Copper Beech trees adjacent to the tree are more prominent. Furthermore, the landscape value the tree provides should not take precedent over safety.

As such, the preservation of the tree in question is not expedient and confirmation of this TPO is therefore unnecessary and unreasonable on the owner.

If I can be of further assistance or should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Winson', written in a cursive style.

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T1 Fir. Showing trees high target in relation to property and road.

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T1 Fir with no lateral structural roots to south of stem base

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T1 Fir: Showing damage to retaining wall and lack of lateral roots.



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