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Subject: Objection to Tree Preservation Order (18) 2024 at 2 The Coppice DY8 2XZ

Dear David,

We are writing to formally object to the TPO for T1 tree (Cedar) National Grid Reference 389814, 280423, with the following points of concern regarding the tree in question.

Firstly, the tree lacks any local amenity value. Far from being an enhancement to the area, it is an eyesore that negatively impacts the aesthetic of the surroundings. Its size is disproportionate to The Coppice, making it entirely unsuitable for its current location.

We believe the tree poses an imminent danger to public safety. It is already braced, a clear indication of its instability, and recent storms have no doubt worsened the situation. Substantial amounts of debris have been thrown across the road and the nearby children's play area, creating significant hazards. Should the tree be subjected to further storms, there is a very real risk of it being uprooted and falling directly into the play area, or houses with potentially dire consequences.

We believe that the tree could and should be replaced with a species more suitable for The Coppice and the local environment. A replacement tree would provide a better balance of aesthetic appeal, environmental benefit, and public safety, addressing the current issues while contributing positively to the area.

In conclusion, we strongly urge the relevant authorities to address this pressing concern and take action to ensure public safety while considering an appropriate replacement. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart & Emma Booton