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Dear Graham/Steve
The above proposal appeared on the planning website this Tuesday, 29th January.

Neither the application nor any of the associated paperwork is available. The intention, however, is clearly to remove the tree – a course of action that the Grange Association wishes to contest.

This is a conspicuous and well-grown tree, likely to be well over a hundred years old, and sixty or so feet tall. It is a significant visual feature of the upper part of Lauder Road (between Dick Place and Grange Road) and it is one of what might have been a line of trees running N-S along the E side of the street, framing what is probably (when looking S.) the most visually impressive streetscape in the Grange conservation area. These old lime trees are very much part of the character of the area generally.

A tree of similar age in the front garden of no.13 was recently felled at very short notice. Following the council's decision not to make a Tree Preservation Order in that case I wrote expressing the association's concern. We would certainly not wish to lose this one.

The lower branches of the tree in question here do extend a long way towards the house and possibly come into contact with it. If this is the reason the owner wishes to fell it, then problem could be fixed without endangering the life (or health) of the tree by cutting back the lower branches.

So, in short, the association would strongly urge you to make a TPO.

Best regards,

Peter Pitkin

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On behalf of the Grange Association.