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19/01789/TCO: 28 Mansionhouse Road

Dear Graham,

A brief comment on the proposal to reduce the crown of the very substantial beech tree.

The tree is probably around 150 years old, and is quite a significant feature of the S end of Lauder Road. There is a fairly obvious scar where one branch has come down over the road, and there are several dead branches higher up which, although they are not of any great size, in time are likely to fall. So it is quite understandable that the owner would want to avoid that.

A 30% overall reduction of the crown (proposed in the notice) would be a ruthless means to that end – a more selective approach would achieve the same object while preserving the appearance of the tree. Maybe that is what is actually being proposed, but it is impossible to tell from this application.

Would it be legitimate for the council to ask for more detail in this case? It is perhaps unfortunate otherwise that the only way of ensuring amore sensitive approach could be to make a TPO.

Regards,

Peter Pitkin, on behalf of the Grange Association.