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Subject: 21/00243/TCO - 58 St Albans Road

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Dear Ellen- or whoever it may concern,

I have been asked by the Grange Association to comment on the proposal to fell this silver birch

It is an attractive tree approx 45ft x 18ins dbh, probably c. 50 years old. It is apparently healthy and if left in place would be expected to live for several decades - very likely for another 50 years.

Approaching along St Albans Road from the W, it is a conspicuous and pleasing feature of the streetscape. The gardens to the west – as far as South Lauder Road - notably lack any substantial mature trees. This is in contrast to the adjacent eastern section of the street which has a settled and enclosed atmosphere more in keeping with the amenity and general ambience of the conservation area.

Trees in front gardens that are allowed to grow to a reasonable size will of course help to reduce noise and pollution from traffic. People living in the area have come to appreciate these effects over the past year in particular.

Although growing close to the front boundary, the tree does not appear to be affecting the low boundary wall.

Several local residents have expressed their concern at the proposal to fell this tree. The association feels that there is a good case here for a TPO.

I hope you will find these comments helpful.

Regards,

P.P.

Peter Pitkin, on behalf of the Grange Association.

