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Mr D J Thompson
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Dear Mr Thompson,

With reference to the email received from Mr Roberts on 20th January 2022 stating there was now a Tree Preservation Order on the trees at Monifieth House, Albert Street, Monifieth

When these trees were planted they were in extensive gardens of what later became the Monifieth Hotel and were suitably managed by the owner. Following the division of the garden and the building of ours and our neighbours houses and the hotel passing into private hands the owner did not carry out any maintenance of the trees and they were just allowed to grow to this enormous height.

We estimate them to be 50 to 60 feet in height, are massively overgrown and totally unsuitable, for the area in such close proximity to the dwelling houses.

The trunks of the trees in question, the Eastern Hemlock and the Diador Cedar, are within 30cms of our boundary fences and as such the branches overhang our gardens and roofs.

Obviously this will become more extensive in time if the trees are allowed to remain.

A falling branch has already fallen narrowly missing our [REDACTED] neighbour Mrs Blackman in her garden. This was a healthy branch not dead wood.

As a result of the recent storms many branches came down in all three gardens, one landing outside our bedroom window and others breaking the glass in our greenhouse. All these were healthy branches.

On the night of the 30th January the storm caused large branches to fall, hitting and breaking down our fence.

During these storms or indeed just windy weather we and our neighbour suffer nerve racking and sleepless nights fearing that branches or indeed a tree may come through our roof as our properties are at a lower level.

As I am sure you are aware many healthy trees were broken and uprooted in the surrounding area during the recent storms. So it is certainly no guarantee that safety is assured if trees are deemed to be healthy. Due to the lie of the ground in the garden of Monifieth House any rainwater runs towards the base of the trees and we fear undermines their root system, possibly causing instability, thus increasing the likelihood of the trees being uprooted and falling into our lower level properties.

In addition, on the North side of our house, the trees block out sunlight to that side of our garden resulting in constant dampness at that side of the house compounded by pine needles constantly blocking the gutters and down pipes causing them to over flow. This is despite regular clearing and maintenance of such. This situation has led to dampness,

This is going to become an even greater problem as time goes on and will become increasingly detrimental to our [REDACTED] health.

[REDACTED] anxiety over this situation and is now frightened to use her backdoor since another branch came down onto her waste bins.

[REDACTED], Mrs Blackman and ourselves, the owners of the three affected properties, are the only people directly affected by, and in danger from, these trees and we have given this a lot of thought and consideration before coming to the decision to fell both trees.

It was certainly not a decision we came to lightly but has become more imperative due to the increased occurrences of damage with the increase in height and spread of the tree canopy.

We fully understand the importance of trees in the environment but feel that in this instance our personal, physical and mental wellbeing has to be considered and placed before that of the trees.

We strongly urge a representative to come and view the situation from our side of the fence to further understand our considerable concerns.

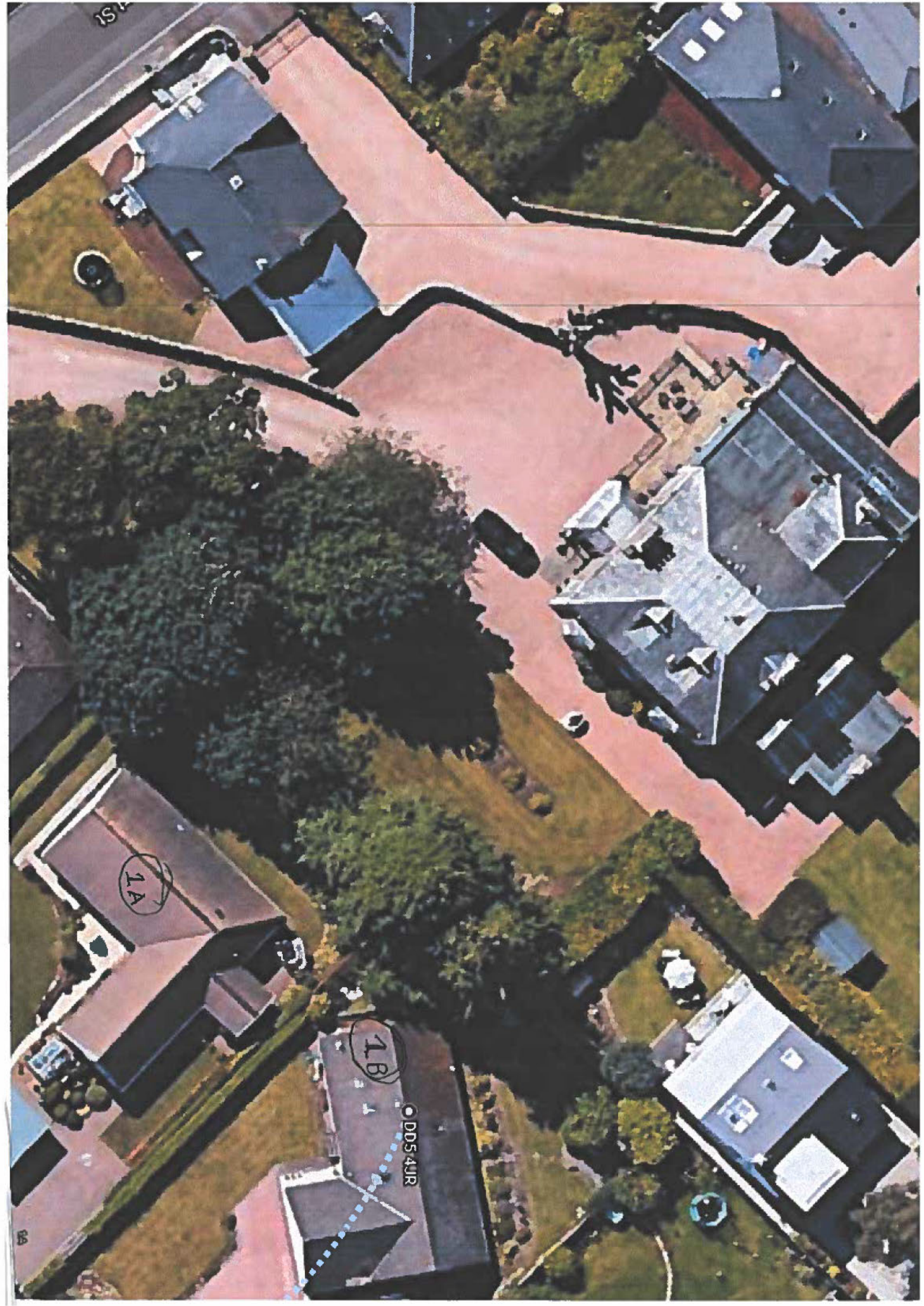
We have enclosed photographs which we hope will help to illustrate our serious concerns in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED] Blackman 1A Hill St



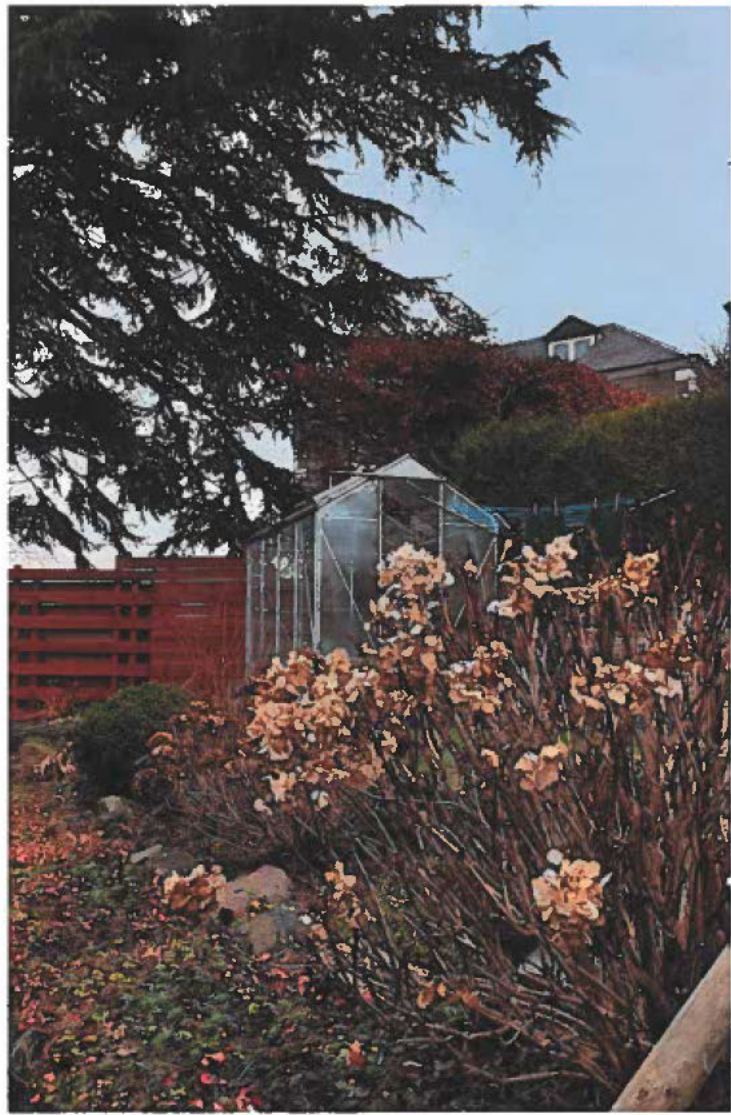
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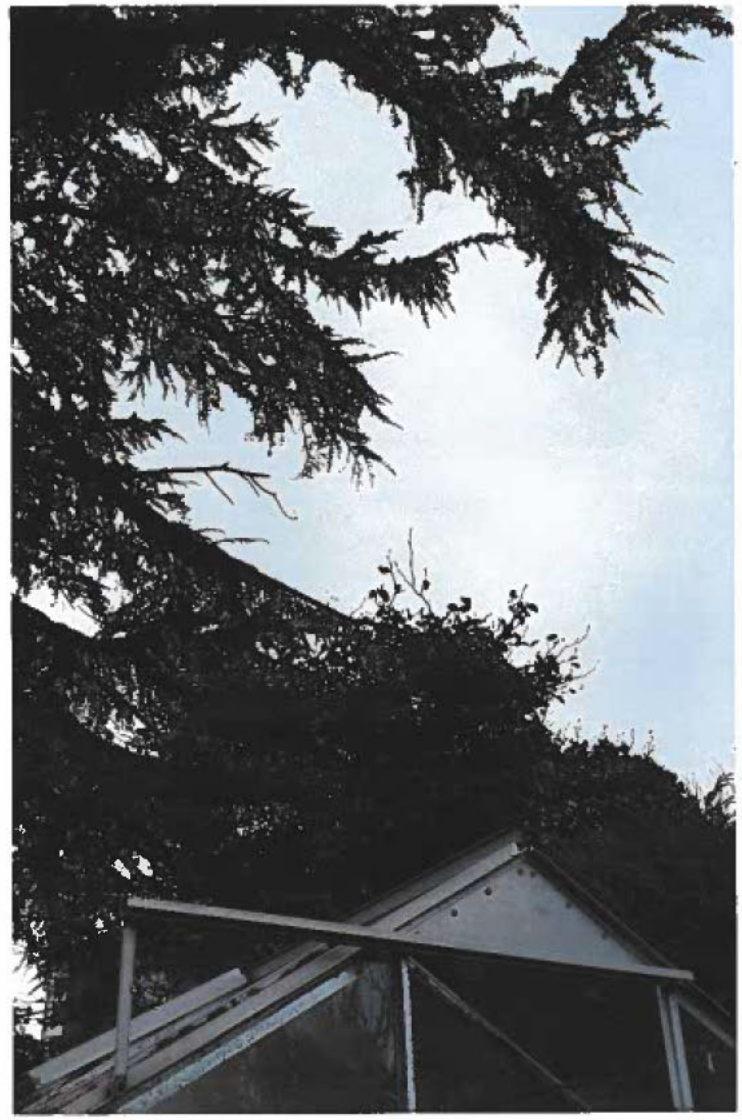
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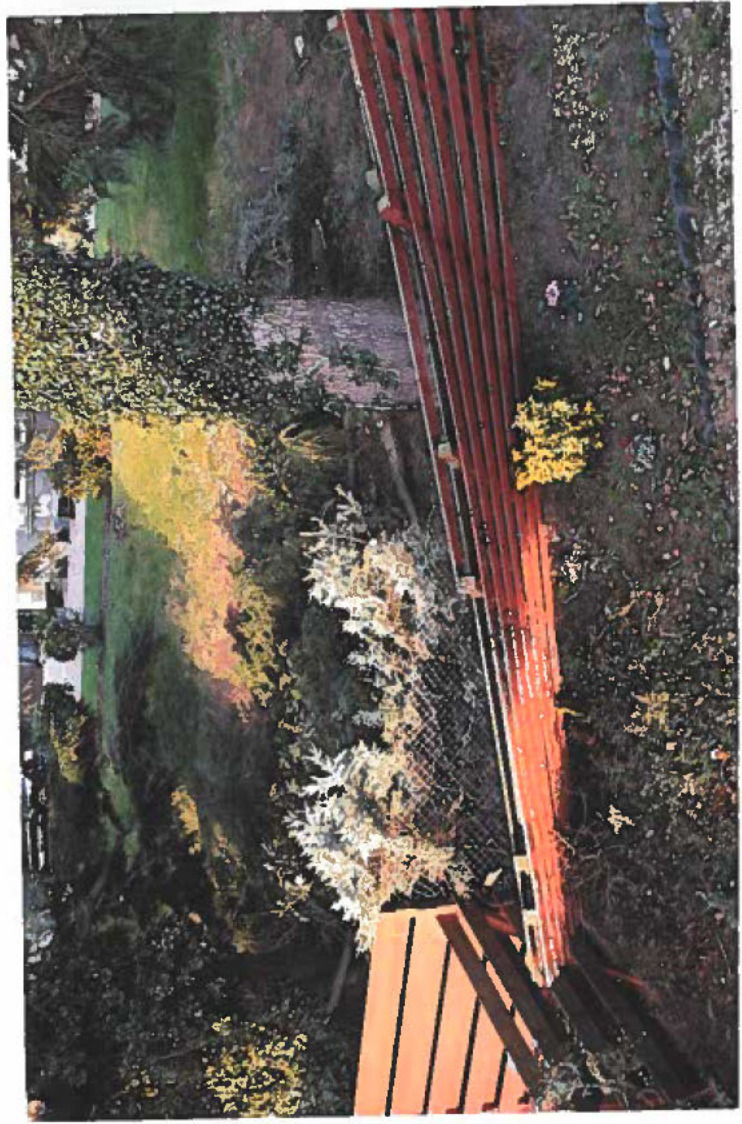
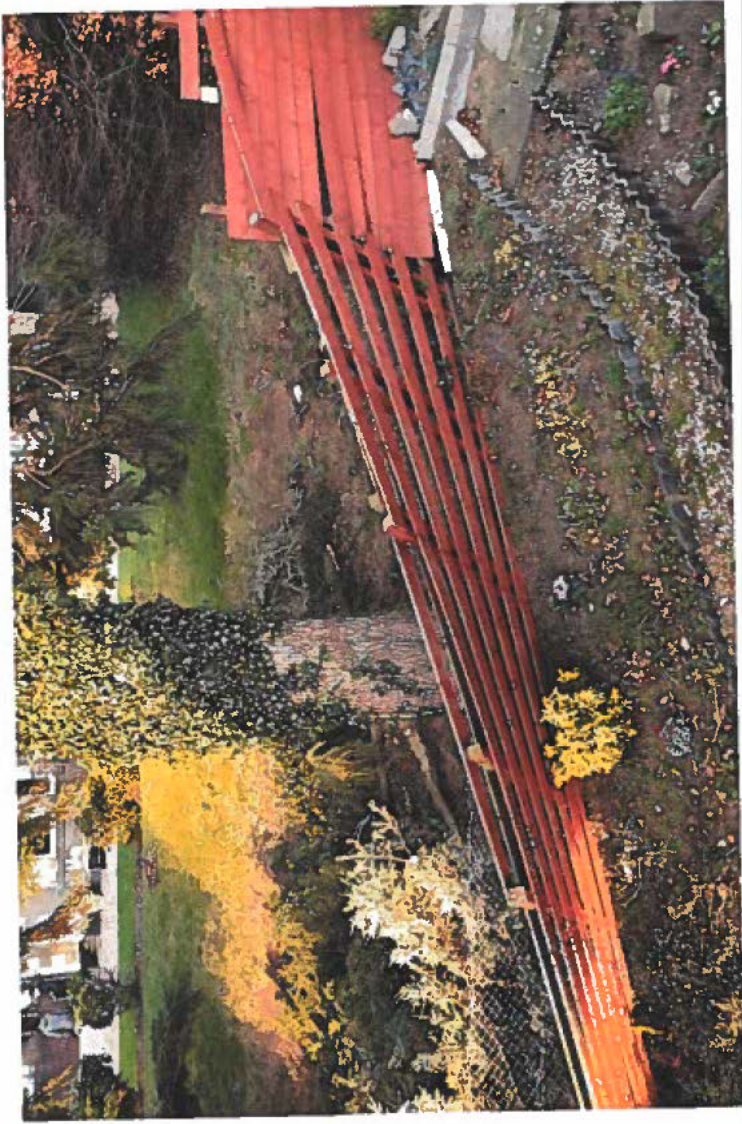
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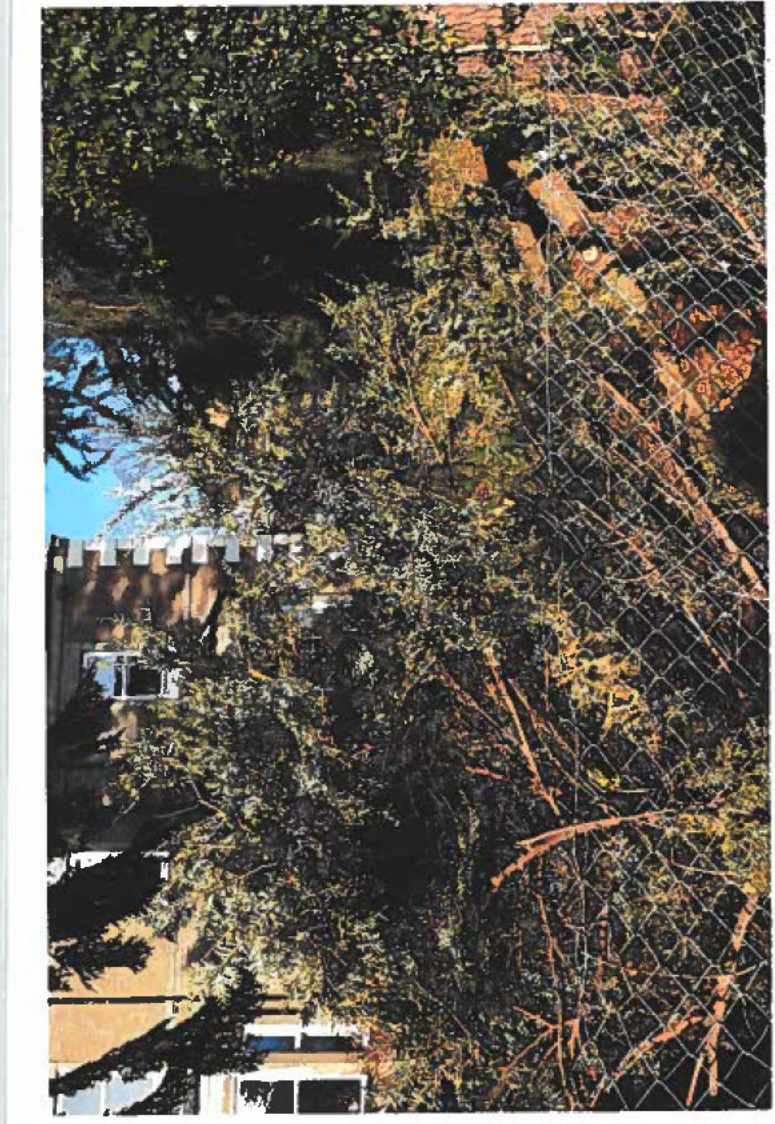
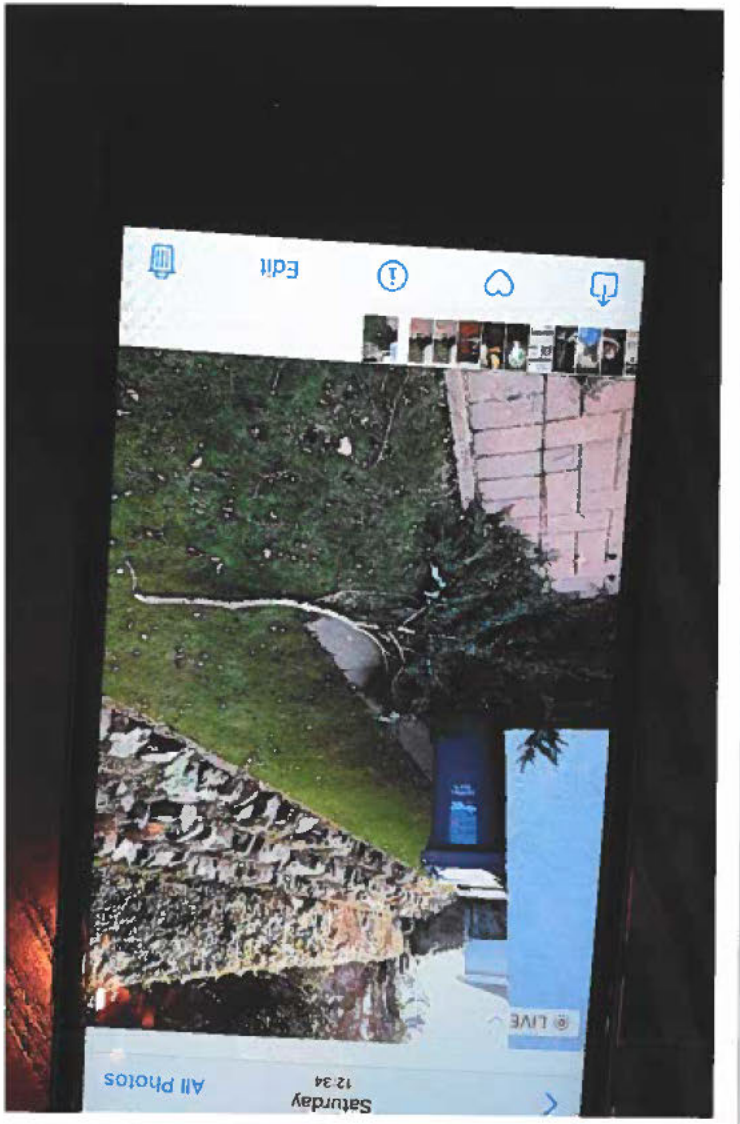














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14th February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

THE ANGUS COUNCIL (MONIFIETH HOUSE, ALBERT STREET, MONIFIETH) TREE
PRESERVATION ORDER 2022 NO1

We wish to make this representation in support of the above Tree Preservation Order and as a request to make this order permanent beyond the six month 'grace' period (commencing 19th January 2022).

We make this representation on the grounds of:

- i) Loss of amenity to the surrounding area.
- ii) Historical importance.
- iii) Health of the trees subject to this TPO.
- iv) Potential loss to the health of the environment.

- i) The immediate area around Hill Street/Albert Street and throughout Monifieth is notable for the number of mature trees that are a prominent and attractive characteristic of the area. Their presence is a factor in people choosing to move in and live in this part of Monifieth. The two trees that were threatened with removal are two of the tallest trees in the area and, as such, have a special prominence.

The trees also provide a valuable environment for various birds and wildlife.

- ii) Historically the two threatened trees (a Deodara and a Western Hemlock) have an importance in the area and form a link to the past. Both are approximately one hundred- and fifty-years old dating back to when Monifieth House was built. Aerial photographs from 1958 show that they were well established in the

grounds of the house over sixty years ago. The Western Hemlock was known to be a favourite of Queen Victoria and was renamed Tsuga Albertiana in honour of Prince Albert. The choice of this tree on this site at Albert Street may have some historical significance.

- iii) The instigators of the proposal to remove the Deodara and the Western Hemlock trees did so on the grounds that their properties at 1a and 1b Hill Street were potentially under threat from the trees. However, there is no evidence to support this view, and the Angus Council Tree Officer has, after inspection, deemed that the two trees are in very good health.

The recent storms, Arwen and Barra, provided a stiff test for the trees which proved that they are strong and offer no threat to adjoining properties.

- iv) Research into the benefits of trees to the environment has shown that the presence of trees mitigates the carbon footprint and contributes positively to the air quality thus reducing the risks, particularly to children, of respiratory conditions.

For the above reasons we respectfully request that consideration be given to making the Tree Preservation Order permanent.

With kind regards

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