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To whom it may concern

My name is Matthew Lally and I have been working and studying in the Arboricultural Industry for over 16 years. I have many years practical experience as an arborist and professional experience as a consulting arboriculturalist.

I so far hold the following Arboricultural qualifications and technical memberships:

- FdSc Arboriculture
- LANTRA Profession Tree Inspection Certificate
- VALID – Validator
- QTRA Registered User
- Professional Member of the Consulting Arborist Society
- Professional member of the Arboricultural Association

This letter has been written to support the application to remove one Scots pine tree from the front of 8 Park Brow CI, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 8UL. I do not claim that the risks posed by this tree are not acceptable as I believe that the

tree does NOT pose a significant risk at this time, however, the following points make an argument for removal based on other considerations.

The tree is large for the small garden that it stands within and is causing significant shading to the property even in winter on account that the tree is evergreen. This shading could normally be partially abated through a crown lift, however the tree has been topped in the past at around 6m most likely as a result of someone in the past having the same issues with regards to shading. This has resulted in a stout tree with multiple low branches causing

more shading than would normally be expected for a similar tree of this species at this age.



Figure 1. Previously topped (red arrow) resulting in an unnatural form

This topping has given the tree an unnatural form with awkward branch unions.



Figure 2 Awkward branch unions present as a result of previous topping works.

The paving around the property is uneven and appears to be being lifted by surface roots from the Pine and possibly the adjacent Dawn Redwood.



Figure 3. Paving appears to be affected by roots

Finally, there is a small crack appearing in the front wall, although we have no evidence at this time linking this crack with the Pine tree it is my opinion that the crack is likely to be due to incremental growth from a large root adjacent to this wall.



Figure 4. Crack forming in front wall

I trust that this letter has been informative and provided a balanced view of the facts surrounding the reason for the application to remove this tree. If further information is required, then please do not hesitate in contacting my office.

Your sincerely

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Arboricultural Consultant.