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Ref: Proposed felling of protected tree 16/97/T2 at Granny Lane, Mirfield

This statement is prepared in support of the proposed tree works application submitted for the above scheme.

Granny Lane is a predominantly residential street which runs alongside the River Calder approximately 1km from Mirfield Town Centre. The housing stock is disparate with older stone built properties surrounded by newer brick and render semi-detached dwellings.

The area features mature trees to the riverbank and in the proximity of the site a protected pine - Tree Preservation Order 16/97_T1 - which occupies a prominent position on the corner of Granny Lane, highly visible from both the roundabout on Hopton New Road and along the length of Granny Lane.

This application relates to the Sycamore set back from the road and partially hidden by the stone built detached properties running perpendicular to the road - Tree Preservation Order 16/97_T2.

Although the tree is a good specimen - and has been inspected by Andrew Bussey of JCA for any potential defects (none) - it has simply grown too large for its current location and is causing issues for the surrounding neighbours.

The tree is located 3m from the gable of No.12 Granny Lane and its upper branches oversail the roof. It is approximately 7m away from the adjoining terrace and with a current height of approximately 15m poses a real concern for the residents.

Although there is evidence of cracking to the render on the gable of the detached dwelling structural advice has been unable to categorically apportion the cause to the tree and although structural monitoring has been undertaken on No.8 Granny Lane, this application simply seeks to justify the removal of the tree on the overshadowing and nuisance value it causes.

The surrounding residents are unanimously in favour of the removal of the tree and supporting information can be provided as required. The applicant proposes to replace the Sycamore with 3no Silver Birch located further away from the surrounding properties. Although smaller in scale, it is opined that a stand of trees will offer similar amenity value without removing light from the properties and remove the potential threat the tree offers to the residents if it were to fall.



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Sycamore with gable to 12 Granny Lane



Sycamore with 8 Granny Lane beyond



12 Granny Lane with Sycamore and 8 Granny Lane beyond



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