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Dear Sirs

Re: Planning Application RU.22 1271 to fell an English Oak Tree with a TPO 7

On behalf of the Ottershaw Neighbourhood Forum, we are writing to express our thanks to RBC for rejecting the application to fell the oak tree at Ten Acres, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, which has a TPO 7 protection order assigned. Reducing the crown and minimal cutting back of overhanging branches on to the road is clearly the right thing to do.

As you say in your rejection letter, the removal of the tree would set a precedent to remove other highway trees just because they lean, and indeed when you look at the abundance of large trees that overhang many roads in Surrey and the UK as a whole, this reasoning is puzzling and could be disastrous.

We are aiming to seek to keep all the trees protected by TPO's and to include more as TPO as appropriate. They provide an important part of our countryside, ecosystem and a positive visual impact to local street scenes and mitigation of the effects of noise, pollution and global warming.

Yours faithfully

The ONF Steering Committee on behalf of The Ottershaw Neighbourhood Forum