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Statement of Reasons for Tree Preservation Order Application to fell Sweet Chestnut T1 to as close to ground level and treat the stump at 49 Shaftesbury Avenue, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 3BR

Tree Preservation Order Number 385 2000

1. The above tree works are proposed as a remedy to the differential foundation movement at the insured property and to ensure the long-term stability of the building.

2. The above tree works are proposed to limit the extent and need for expensive and disruptive engineering repair works at the insured property. In this instance, the estimated repair costs are likely to vary between £12,000 and £75,000, depending upon whether the tree can be removed or have to remain.

3. The above tree works are proposed to limit the duration of any claim period and therefore allow the landowner their right to the peaceful enjoyment of their property.

4. It is the case that an alternative to felling such as pruning or significant 'pollarding' of the tree would not provide a reliable or sustainable remedy to the subsidence in this case. We do not consider that any other potential means of mitigation, including root barriers, would be effective or appropriate in the circumstances.

5. I consider that in this specific instance the planting of a container grown Silver Birch tree, 10-12cm stem diameter at a location in the rear garden of the above at a distance of no closer than 9m to any property, would be a suitable replacement.

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