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Mr McDermott
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Our Ref: **231562 - Let 2**

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Dear Mr McDermott

Re: Tree issues at 23 Malibres Road, Chandlers Ford

I write with regard to my recent work instruction and subsequent visit to the above address. You asked me to briefly look at a single tree located in the rear garden of your property and make any appropriate tree management recommendations based on my tree observations and your subsequent representations to me.

The tree is a large oak located near the rear boundary of your property and its position is identified as T1 on the attached tree plan extract. I understand that the tree is the subject of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). I believe from our discussions that you feel that the tree is starting to shade a significant portion of your garden, restricting its useability and this issue is beginning to affect your enjoyment of your property.

Given your concerns, I think that it would be sensible to carry out some pruning work to raise the crown to provide greater separation between the lowest branches and the ground, as this would significantly improve the ambient light levels under the tree. I note that the crown also appears to be asymmetric, growing more over your property than your neighbours land to the east. I therefore feel it acceptable to consider undertaking some additional reshaping work at the same time as the crown lifting, so as to better balance the tree.

As the tree is the subject of a TPO, it will be necessary to submit a formal tree work application to the council for their approval. I feel that an application for a 6m crown lift, with a crown reduction of up to 3m on the western side of the tree ought to be acceptable to them. In my view, this work will improve the situation in terms of garden useability under the tree, whilst at the same time creating a more balanced tree shape.

The principles of crown lifting and reduction works are fully supported in *BS 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations*. Provided the work is carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced arborist, then I do

not believe that the work is likely to have any implications for the health and wellbeing of the tree. The tree did not appear to be particularly visible from the road, with views of it blocked to a significant extent by the position of your dwelling. I therefore feel that the work discussed is unlikely to be particularly noticeable in the locality and so any perceived amenity implications are likely to be somewhat limited.

Consequently, I feel that the works indicated are reasonable and should be acceptable to the council and I would be happy to make the tree work application on your behalf. However, please be advised that the council do have the option of refusing consent, in which case you can consider appealing their decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Barrie Draper', with a stylized, overlapping loop structure.

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Attached: 1: Tree Plan

Tree Plan (not to scale)

