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Dear Mr. Bruce Tindall

I have been instructed by the members of The Pennington And Lymington Lanes Society (PALLS) to make comment on tree works application TPO/20/0627.

I have visited the site and viewed the trees detailed within the application, and whilst I agree to a point with some of the proposed management options the current application will irreversibly change the setting of an area that is highlighted within the Lymington Local Distinctiveness Supplementary Planning Document (LLDSPD). Furthermore, the group of trees are specifically noted as a Landmark Pine group in the LLDSPD and are protected by Tree Preservation Order in line with guidance from Tree Preservation Orders: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice 2009. The guidance states that "trees may be worthy of preservation for their intrinsic beauty or for their contribution to the landscape or because they serve to screen an eyesore or future development "all of which are relevant in this situation.

It is not disputed that trees which are immediately dangerous should be managed accordingly (Although none of the previously approved works on the grounds of health and safety, Application TPO/17/0881 were ever implemented) however little consideration has been given for other potential management techniques which would maintain a level of continuous tree cover whilst a suitable and robust planting scheme is implemented to ensure that an area highlighted in the LLDSPD maintains its distinctiveness and character.

Whilst it is important to remove trees to maintain the safety of third parties, their removal is likely to have an impact on the safe long-term retention of adjacent trees. Reducing the canopies of trees highlighted for felling due to removal of adjacent trees would reduce the risk of failure to an acceptable level and allow a robust system of monitoring to be implemented " For trees with major defects, an overall reduction of their height (usually together with a proportionate reduction of crown spread) can often reduce a hazard to



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within acceptable limits. The trees value is preserved in at least some respects; its wildlife value may in some cases be undiminished, and its presence may partly satisfy the needs of local people who look upon it as part of their familiar surroundings, even in an arguably disfigured state" (Lonsdale, Principles of Tree Hazard Assessment and Management. 6.4.1 The Shortening of Weak or defective structures p 196)

Reduction of trees would allow longer retention by increasing their safe useful life expectancy. The retention of the existing tree stock in the short to medium turn would allow establishment of a suitable replacement planting scheme which would serve to reduce the impact on the local area

Best regards

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