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Dear Sirs,

**Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Planning Application 17/01886/CAT
Felling of Spruce Adjacent to the frontage no. 71, Bracken Path, Epsom, Surrey**

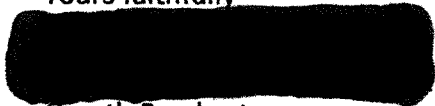
The above referenced Planning Application has been rejected on the basis of a Tree Preservation order No 461 made on 10-May-18. We wish to appeal against that decision.

The tree in question is nothing more than a Christmas tree that was randomly planted many years ago and has now grown totally out of proportion to any other surrounding trees and buildings. It does not reflect the local fauna associated with Epsom Common and looks totally out of place. It equally is not a fine example, as has been quoted by some correspondents, since it has been ivy-bound for many years and many branches now appear dead.

Most importantly the tree is in a very dangerous condition and constitutes a significant risk to local people and several nearby buildings. The root system clearly does not penetrate sufficiently into the ground, resulting in the tree moving substantially in high winds. In natural surrounding a tree of this type would be surrounded by similar specimens that would bolster it against high winds.

It is only a matter of time before this tree comes down in high winds and results in damage to property, or worse still, injury or death of local residents. We wish to appeal against the decision to fell the tree. Responsibility for the tree staying as it is and presenting this risk will have to remain with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council.

Yours faithfully



Gareth Pemberton



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