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Mr Fitton

57 Thirlmere Rd

Ridge Estate

Lancaster

LA1 3LL

6th September 2017.

Preservation Order No 22 (2017) 57 Thirlmere Road Lancaster.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the preservation order for the mature cherry tree at the rear of my property at 57 Thirlmere Rd, Lancaster.

The tree has been at the property for at least as long as I have been alive; I am now 46 years old.

It has and does provide nesting and foraging areas for birds such as blackbirds, magpies, doves and other species.

The tree provides food for wildlife such as birds and hedgehogs and also provides a beautiful greenery and blossom every year.

I have been prompted into applying for the preservation order due to my neighbour at number 55 Thirlmere Rd. I have witnessed him hacking at the trunk of the tree and he has been pouring kerosene/paraffin on the exposed trunk in an attempt to kill the tree.

(27) Mr McDonald, who works for the council as a gardener moved in approximately 24 years ago and the mature cherry tree was already there.

He has at times complained about the leaves falling and fruit fall and wanted me to cut the tree down. I however said I would manage the tree by trimming it, but I would not have the tree cut down. Because of this he refused to maintain his fence.

I have recently had my garden done and chose to put a new fence up. On examining Mr McDonald's fence, there was a large stain next to the tree which smelled of paraffin and when putting the new fence in, the soil around the tree smelled of paraffin too.

On finishing the garden, one day after work, I entered the garden and could smell fresh paraffin/kerosene. I wiped my hand down the side of the tree, where Mr McDonald had been hacking the trunk and there was fresh kerosene/Paraffin all down the side of the tree. I asked Mr McDonald if he was poisoning the tree and he denied it.

I called a tree surgeon the next day and he advised me to call Maxine Knagg at the council. This tree needs to be protected as it provided a natural habitat for a number of birds and is in danger of being poisoned or damaged without the preservation order.

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Thankyou for your disistance in this matter.
I would like to appologise for my handwriting.
I am blind in one eye and the sight in the other
is not good eitheer so I struggle with reading and
writing.

Yours faithfully

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