Our Ref: **52145**

Statement of Reasons for Tree Preservation Order Application to Fell Oaks T4 and T5 tree at: Stonecroft Hall, Royd Lane, Barnsley, S75 4PP

Subject to W1 of TPO 6 / 1997

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 £20,000 and £60,000, depending upon whether the trees 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 trees 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. 3 Oak trees on the western lawn have already been removed and this has not lead to the cessation of building movement at level monitoring points 9 and 10.

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