APPENDIX 1

INFORMATION PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO REMOVE 2NO. SYCAMORE TREES AT 1 EVERILL CLOSE WOMBWELL S73 0SU

This tree works application seeks to remove 2No. mature Sycamore trees T1 and T2 (refer to appendix 2) that occupy an adjacent garden to the east of the applicant's property. The tree owner is understood to be supportive of the application to remove both trees.

Over the years these same trees have been the source of neighbourly concern for both the residents of numbers 1 and 2 Everill Close. This tree works application now seeks to remove both trees and replace with 3No. trees that are more compatible with neighbouring interests and as such are far less likely to be the cause of future conflict. In this regard the tree survey schedule below provides detailed comments on the appearance and condition of each tree.

However more recently the applicant has become the primary carer for her severely disabled grand daughter who is suffering from Merrf Guillan-Barré syndrome and now resides at this address permanently. A doctor's note can be provided to this effect if required. The syndrome (GBS) causes progressive muscle weakness and paralysis. Regrettably the applicants granddaughter is now wheel chair bound and will require assistance for the remainder of her life. To this end the bungalow has recently undergone major alterations to accommodate the granddaughter. However the level changes to the rear garden effectively limit wheel chair access to the rear garden and the granddaughter would like to be able to spend time on the small though secure patio area adjacent to bungalow doorway, but which unfortunately falls beneath the canopy of the Sycamore trees T1 and T2. Such is the nature of the dense canopy and that of the adjacent trees this area receives little direct sunlight. Moreover the constant drip of honey dew in the growing season makes this an unpleasant area to sit.

With regard to trees T1- T2, these trees remain viable with a medium and short term life expectancy respectively. In tree terms alone the trees require no major intervention. The small amount of pruning work that is required to these trees would consist of the removal of dead wood, snags and crown lifting. Regrettably this level of pruning would not provide for a harmonious sitting area on the patio.

The proposed loss of T1 and T2 will have some impact on the 3No. properties that immediately adjoin the application trees, though due to the fact these trees are largely obscured from view from the public highway, any such impact should not be that significant. Furthermore the presence of 4 retained trees within the applicants property and several more within the tree owners property will ensure an acceptable level of mature tree cover remains (refer to appendix 2). It is also proposed to compensate for the removal of the T1 and T2 by planting 3No. Silver Birch or Rowan trees that are arguably more appropriate to the garden location (refer to appendix 2). It is intended that the replacement planting will provide for continuity of tree cover and longer term amenity value.

To conclude it is accepted that neither tree requires to be removed for aboricultural management reasons alone. However such is the nature of the disability concerned the removal of the T1 and T2 will enable the beneficial use of an existing patio and with it provide an increased quality of life to applicant's granddaughter.

TREE SURVEY SCHEDULE

Ref	Species	Comments	Proposed work
T1	Sycamore	Pronounced bole and lower crown bias to east due to competition with T2, though this tree is the more dominant of the 2 trees. Swelling to lower bole may be indicative of longstanding internal defect. Normal vigour, leaf size and annual extension growth. No major defects evident save for small amount of dead wood & snags.	Remove tree and replace with 1no. Birch or Rowan
T2	Sycamore	Pronounced crown bias to south and west due to completion with T1. The tree contains historic basal injuries with decay evident. Ground levels appear to have been artificially raised around the base of the tree. Normal vigour leaf size and annual extension growth. Minor dead wood & snags present in crown.	Remove tree and replace with 1no. Birch or Rowan

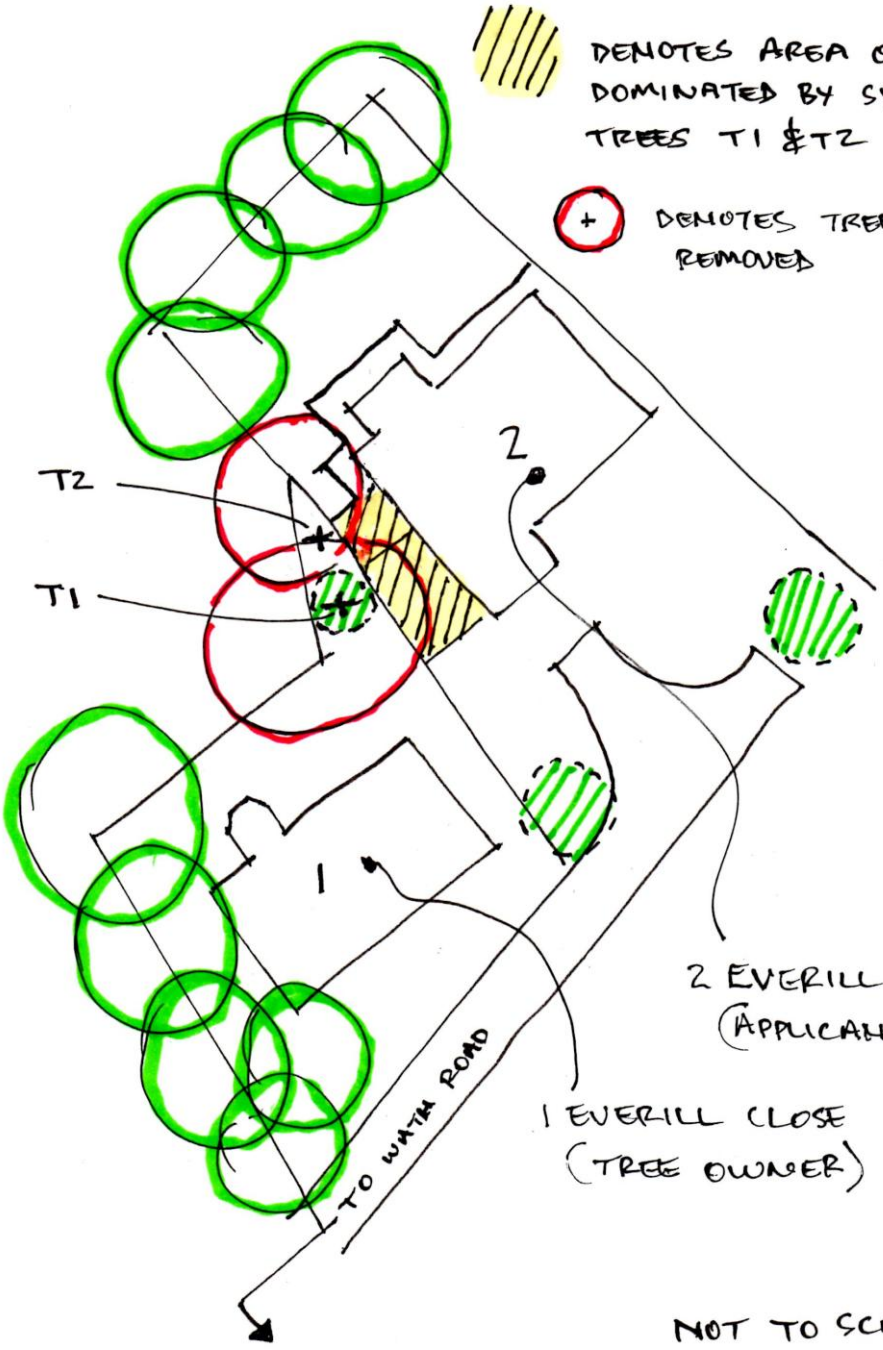
APPENDIX 2.

DENOTES EXISTING MATURE TREES

DENOTES PROPOSED PLANTING OF 3 NO HEAVY STANDARD 12-14 CM SIZES TREES TO COMPRISE OF SILVER BIRCH OR ROWAN

DENOTES AREA OF PATIO DOMINATED BY SYCAMORE TREES T1 & T2

DENOTES TREES TO BE REMOVED



2 EVERILL CLOSE (APPLICANT)

1 EVERILL CLOSE (TREE OWNER)

NOT TO SCALE