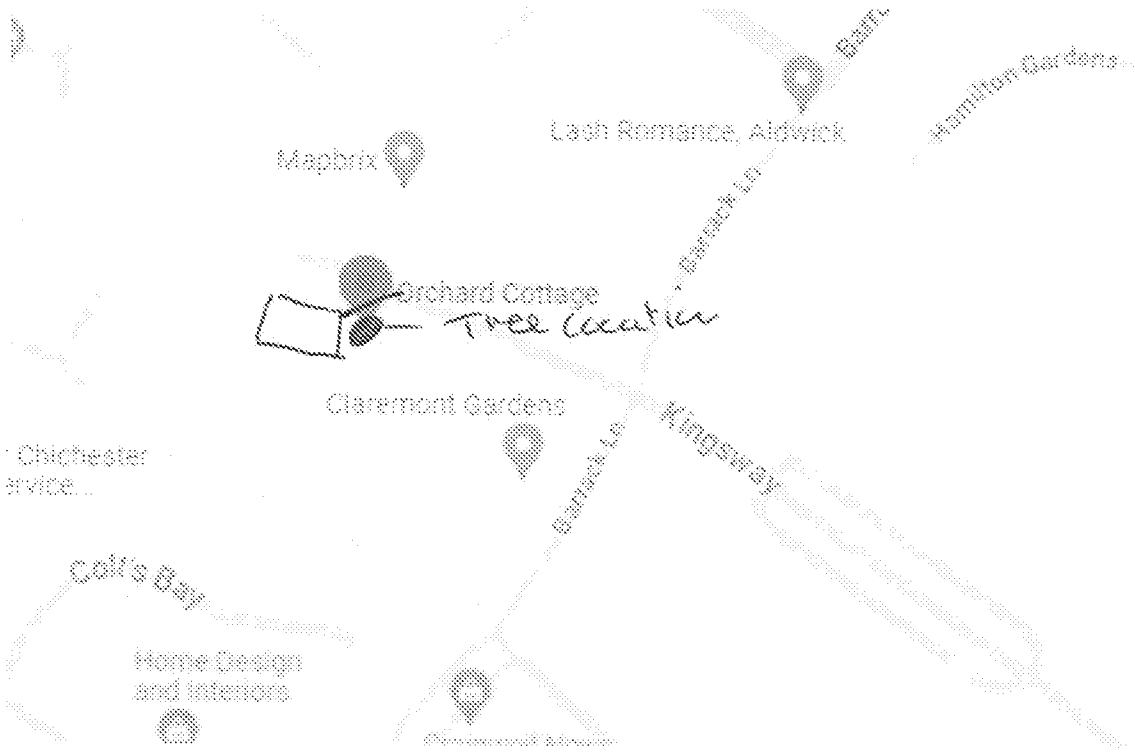
Orchard Cottage, Cypress Way, Bognor Regis, PO21 4DF



Date: 19th September 2023

Application for the Removal of a Mature Macrocarpa Tree

I am writing to seek permission for the removal of a mature Macrocarpa tree situated at the address above . The tree in question is in poor health due to a lack of maintenance in recent years.

Unfortunately, the neglect of this tree has already resulted in significant damage. A third of the tree split and fell in recent years, striking and damaging my neighbour's garage. This incident not only caused property damage but has left the tree with a considerable wound, further compromising its health and stability.

Upon personal inspection and assessment, I have identified clear signs of stress in the tree. Of particular concern is a crack beginning to emerge where the main union splits. This crack is a clear indicator of potential structural failure in the near future. Moreover, considering the tree's current condition and the extent of damage already sustained, it is my professional opinion that pruning will not suffice in preserving its natural amenity or ensuring safety.

Given the above circumstances, I believe the tree is now a significant danger to nearby structures and potentially to individuals. In the interest of public safety and to prevent further damage or injury, I respectfully recommend and request that this tree be removed.

Enclosed are photographs documenting the current state of the tree, the damage it has caused, and the areas of concern mentioned in this application.

I am willing to cooperate fully with any further inspection or evaluation by council-appointed arborists and adhere to any guidelines set forth for the tree's removal and the post-removal site rehabilitation.

I kindly request the council to expedite this matter considering the potential risks involved. Your assistance in this regard will be highly appreciated.

