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New Forest National Park Authority
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding the Tree Preservation Order being considered for the land of 36 Alder Hill Drive. The tree is substantial and although it is beautiful we find the light it blocks has a negative effect on our garden and that of the immediate neighbours. We have a serious issue with growing grass as the leaves each year are impossible to keep on top of and the lack of light has meant our garden has now mainly turned to moss. We also have an issue with the growth of flowers, this has effected the number of insects which visit our garden. Every year my children and I hatch and release painted lady butterflies, but the lack of flowers we have been able to grow means we have never seen any return. The tree also has substantial roots and although this is not directly effecting our garden it is damaging the fence line along the back of next doors garden.

We have several other trees to help with drainage and health of the soil but these are not to the size of the large oak and so I do not feel we need such a large tree in proximity of all the local houses. I also feel even if it was not removed in the future there should be an option to at least lop it or control its growth somewhat.

I understand the importance of trees, I am a biologist and so appreciate the advantages they pose to an environment, but I also feel there would be a benefit to wildlife if the tree was at least controlled or decreased in size. Any removal of trees should be carefully considered but I feel in this case as long as a suitable alternative was planted in its place removal of this tree would not adversely affect the local area.

On another note if any part of the tree was damaged in strong winds its close proximity to a number of houses would mean it would do substantial damage and could be a danger. A smaller tree or reducing the size of the largest branches of the current tree would make it safer for the local community.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this letter

Kindest Regards



Katie Kempsey