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Dear Sirs

**MO/2021/0725/CAT - Little Manor House, Guildford Road, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 3NJ**

I write in my capacity as planning lead for Westcott Village Association (WVA). WVA occasionally makes representations, as consultee, on behalf of the Westcott community.

This application has been brought to our attention and we are concerned by the scale of tree work proposed, particularly the removal of 14 trees. In addition there is the crown lift of 3 further trees and crown reduction of a further two trees.

Little Manor House sits within the Conservation Area and village core and the quality and variety of these trees is integral to the character of this area.

Based on the image of the application property below taken from google earth, we agree that some tree work is probably required.

However, we would like to see much greater emphasis on retention and thinning of trees rather than wholesale removal. We ask MVDC's Tree Officer to scrutinise this application carefully.



Yours sincerely,

James Leaver  
Planning Lead, Westcott Village Association