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Cc: Nigel Ayton; lucy richardson
Subject: 21/03359/TCO - 6 Blackford Road

Dear Ellen,

The committee of the Grange Association has asked me to comment on the proposal to fell the substantial sycamore in the back garden of 6 Blackford Road.

The tree is very close to the house and I can understand the problems it causes in terms of shade and litter - the owners are near neighbours of mine.

The committee has asked me to point out, however, that it is one of the more notable trees in this part of the Grange, both in its stature (around 55 ft) and its age - probably at least 150 years.

It is not close to the road so, although it is clearly visible, its impact on the landscape is not immediate, but like other trees that are set back behind and between houses it contributes significantly to the established leafy character of the conservation area.

The committee would also draw to your attention the fact that the tree would originally have been in the garden of what is now No.6a and No.6b, and would have been in place for well over a hundred years when what is now No. 6 was built.

I hope these comments will draw your attention to the case and help you reach a decision.

Regards,

P.P.

Peter Pitkin, on behalf of the Grange Association.

