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Subject: 21/05476/TCO: 2 South Lauder Road

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Dear Ruthe,

Further to your recent reply concerning 21/05071/TCO, I note that today you have approved the felling of a second Eucayptus, in the garden of 62 Fountainhall Road – next door to no.60. This is a rather smaller tree and is less visible from any public viewpoint. The advantage it might have over the tree at no.60 is that, being further from any building, it would appear to have rather more room to grow.

You will be aware of the proposal to fell a cypress in the garden of 2 South Lauder Road. Having drawn your attention to the Fountainhall Road tree, I feel that a similar case could be made here.

There are perhaps too many cypresses in the Grange, and they are often planted where they have little space. There are few (except in the grounds of the Astley Ainslie Hospital) that could be considered of significant amenity value. The tree in this case has grey-blue foliage (very possibly Triomf van Boskoop) and is a good upright shape – of at least 50ft. It is a conspicuous and not unattractive feature of the W side of South Lauder Road, seen both from the north (Lauder Road) and the south. And it is a reasonable distance from any building, so from an aesthetic point of view it has enough space.

On the minus side, as with 60 Fountainhall Road, the surrounding area is well-treed and you may well wish to treat this case similarly. But wishing to remain impartial, I feel I should draw this case to your attention.

Best regards,

P.P.

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