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Dear Mr Hazell

Reference: Formal Objection to Tree Preservation Order No. 235

Please find enclosed the University's formal objection to the recent Tree Preservation Order proposed at Park Campus.

We are preparing to dispose of the Campus for residential development. The established landscaped character of the campus has been a key driver of the design of the residential scheme and we feel sufficient steps have already been taken to preserve the character and principal landscaped areas of the site, as per the already approved Design Code and previous 2013 TPO.

It is also worthwhile noting that the disposal is as a result of our relocation to the new Waterside Campus, where we are investing heavily in delivering a diverse landscaped environment, including the planting of a significant number of new trees.

We consider that the enclosed analysis indicates there are inadequate grounds for the proposed TPO in its current form. We hope that the local planning authority will reconsider their position in the light of these comments and this overall objection. We consider it would be highly beneficial for a meeting between suitable representatives of the University and Council and note that this would be as recommended in Para 3.37 of the Tree Preservations Guide.

Yours sincerely

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