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Mr. M.B. Finch-Mitchell,
County Residential Estates Ltd.,
c/o Messrs. Pulmer Parsons,
18 Ryde Gardens,
Eastbourne,
Sussex.

GL/EC/C.LB

7th June, 1978

Dear Sir,

Building of Special Architectural or Historic Interest:
Bourne Park House, Bishopsbourne.

I am concerned about the condition of this historic building which is included in the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest as Grade I, and of which I understand you are the owner.

I would particularly bring to your attention the following defects:

1. tiles missing from the rear slope of the roof.
2. ridge flashing missing in places.
3. broken glazing to ground floor windows.
4. a basement window left open giving easy access to vandals.

I would ask whether you have any plans for the repair of this building at the moment, and my Conservation Officer, Mr. Chater, would be pleased to discuss this problem if you feel this would be helpful.

I would add that this building is included in the Listed Buildings Grant Scheme under the Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Act 1962, which provides for a 25% grant towards structural repair works and I enclose the appropriate application forms and explanatory leaflets for your information.

Yours faithfully,

City Architect & Planner.
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Nailbourne Protection Society

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Col. G. G. Elliott DSO. MA.
The Paddock, Bishopsbourne
Nr. Canterbury CT4 5HT
Tel: Bridge 830337

City of Canterbury,
Attn Conservation Officer,
Mr Chater.

16 Feb 78

BOURNE PARK. The Mansion.

Dear Sir,

There have been numerous complaints from individuals concerned about the preservation of such an important house as above, about the serious threat to its future unless essential repairs to the outer fabric are carried out immediately.

This situation has been continued. There are leaks of water through the roof tiles, and at least one down pipe is blocked, causing soakage into the brickwork.

The owners are understood to be Country and Residential Developments Ltd (and no name Finch-Mitchell, but direct and personal approach by interested neighbours has been unproductive.

At present the house stands empty, and easily accessible to entry and possible vandalism.

It is urged that the City of Cambridge use
their powers to enforce the owner to take
reasonable care of this property - alternatively
to take direct action at the owners expense.

It is possible that the damage to date
may be superficial, though there are indications
of dry rot, but unless action is taken now,
deterioration will accelerate beyond easy repair.

James Lard

C. H. Elliott
Hon Sec

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Percy Jackson, R.I.B.A., F.R.T.P.I., City Architect and Planner, 14 Dane John, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2QP. Telephone: 51755.

Col. G. G. Elliott, DSO.MA.,
The Paddock,
Bishopsbourne,
Canterbury,
Kent. CT4 5HT

My ref: SM/APC/CA/75/605/BIS
Your ref:

16th July, 1975

Dear Sir/Madam,

A Residential Development, Bourne House, Bourne Park, Bishopsbourne.

With reference to the above application, I acknowledge receipt of your letter ~~dated~~ undated, the contents of which will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Committee.

Yours faithfully,

P. Jackson

CITY ARCHITECT AND PLANNER

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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tel: Barham 205

MEMBERS' ROOM,
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BJH/SG

17 December 1974

Col. G G Elliott DSO, MA
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Bishopsbourne
Canterbury Kent

Dear Colonel Elliott

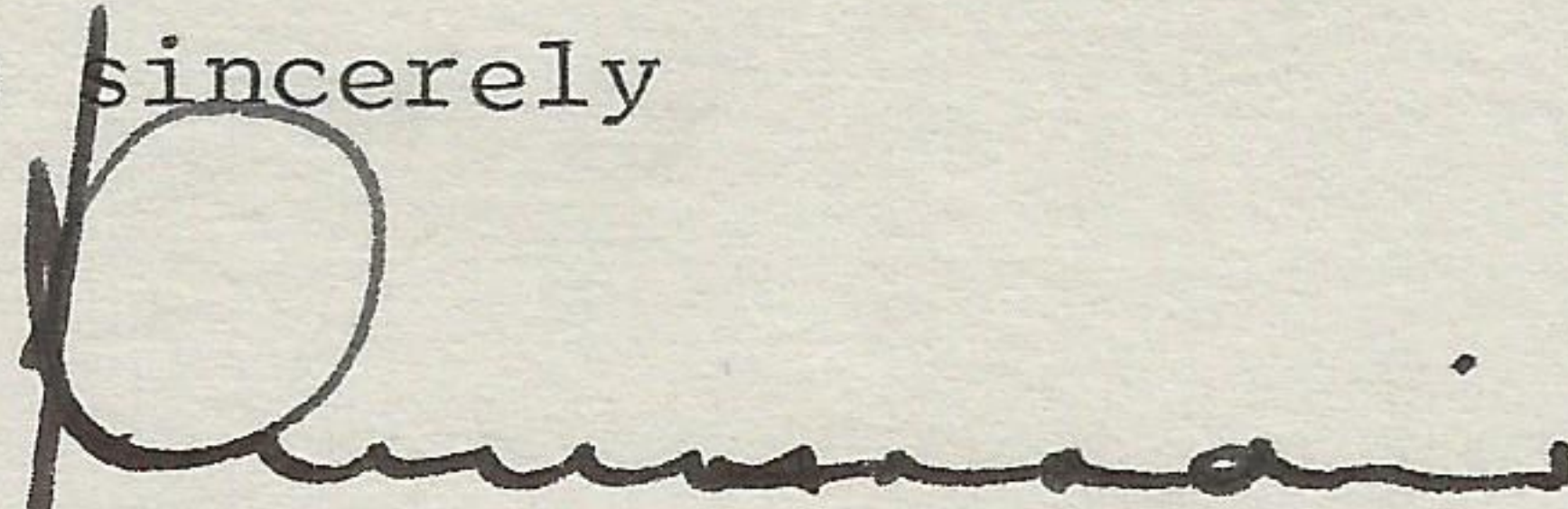
Bourne Park, Bridge (tree felling.)

Further to your letter dated 22 November, I now enclose a photo copy of Mr Tucker's letter dated 12 December - Mr Tucker is Chairman of the Amenties & Countryside Committee.

In view of the contents of this, and the apparent acquiescence of the Parish Council to the proposals, I wonder if there is anything further you wish me to do in this regard?

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Heddle', written over a horizontal line.

John Heddle.

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Col. G.G. Elliott, D.S.O., M.A.,
Honorary Secretary,
Nailbourne Protection Society,
The Paddock,
Bishopsbourne,
near Canterbury, CT4 5HT

My ref: GGC/VL/CA/T/74/7/BIS
Your ref:

26th November, 1974

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Applications CA/T/74/BIS and CA/T/74/8/BIS - Felling and Thinning
of Beech Trees, Bourne Park, Bishopsbourne.

In reference to the above application, I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12th November, 1974, the contents of which will be brought to the attention of the appropriate Committee.

Yours faithfully,

P. Jackson

CITY ARCHITECT AND PLANNER.



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Handwritten: *Handwritten*

Col. G. G. Elliott DSO, MA.
The Paddock, Bishopsbourne
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Tel: Bridge 830337

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Bourne Park

Dear Mr Hedde,

Thank you for your letter of 19 Nov, with enclosure.

~~The~~ points which you should know.

Firstly the trees in dispute are covered by Preservation orders.

There was a 'rumpus' about 3 years ago when Shuttan Parkin, agents

for Bourne Estates felled about 100 trees in this same area

without applying for planning permission - and they were not penalised

by Bury Black RDC for this infringement. There is therefore a feeling

of suspicion amongst the local residents!

Canterbury City Council ^{Planning Committee} consider this application on 4 Dec, and if

you can help, it might be well to make your views known to them.

Lawrence Shirley is fully alert to this matter, and has promised to

protect conservation interests. Unfortunately there is some

ignorance about the culture of hells or hell trees - which

rely on their density (self protection, as it were) for good growth, and

for single trees which develop differently. According to

a County expert who was involved in the dispute 3 years

ago - it can be disastrous if a hell or 'hell growing' beech

trees are thinned out - which the agents are now proposing to do.

Personally I believe that this is a simple conflict of interest

between the requirements of agriculture (to improve the tillage of

Broom Park) and a conservation of trees.

As Broom Park is one of the few remaining examples
of 18th Century landscaped parkland - and the trees are
still prime and in a long life ahead - I think that
it would be most improper to fell any mat. dead
trees. It is significant that the proposal covers prime
trees, and not the diseased ones which remain.

Yours sincerely
G. Strong Elliott

PS Efforts have been made to replace various individual
trees which have been felled within the Park in recent years,
but these have been ineffective (except in Salix) (local authority)
as the young trees have invariably been eaten by cattle as they have been inadequately protected.

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19 November 1974

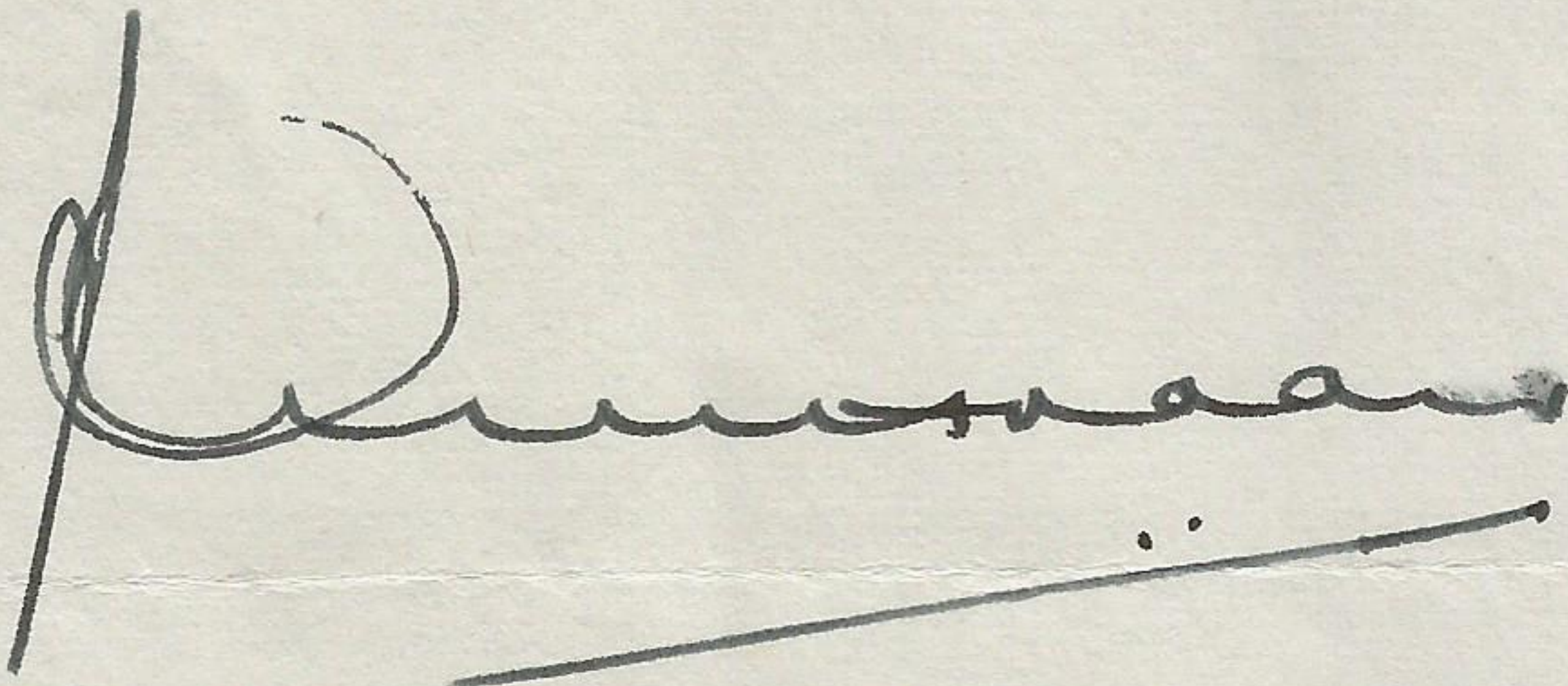
Col.G.G. Elliott DSO
Secretary
Nailbourne Protection Society
The Paddock
Bishopsbourne
Canterbury

Dear Col. Elliott

I read with some concern Bourne Park Estate's plans to fell over 100 mature beech trees in the Bishopsbourne area and I hope the action I have taken will help your Society's case.

May we please keep in touch on the matter?

Yours sincerely



John Heddle.

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19 November 1974.

J.R. Hoyle Esq FRICS
COUNTY Estates Officer & Valuer
County Estates Department
Kent County Council
Springfield
Maidstone, Kent

Dear Mr Hoyle

Bourne Park, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent

I was alarmed to read in the 'Kentish Gazette' of 15 November that the owners of Bourne Park are planning to fell more than 100 mature trees. The report also mentions that this proposal is meeting with considerable resistance from the Bishopsbourne Parish Council, the Nailbourne Protection Society and the Committee for the Protection of Rural Kent.

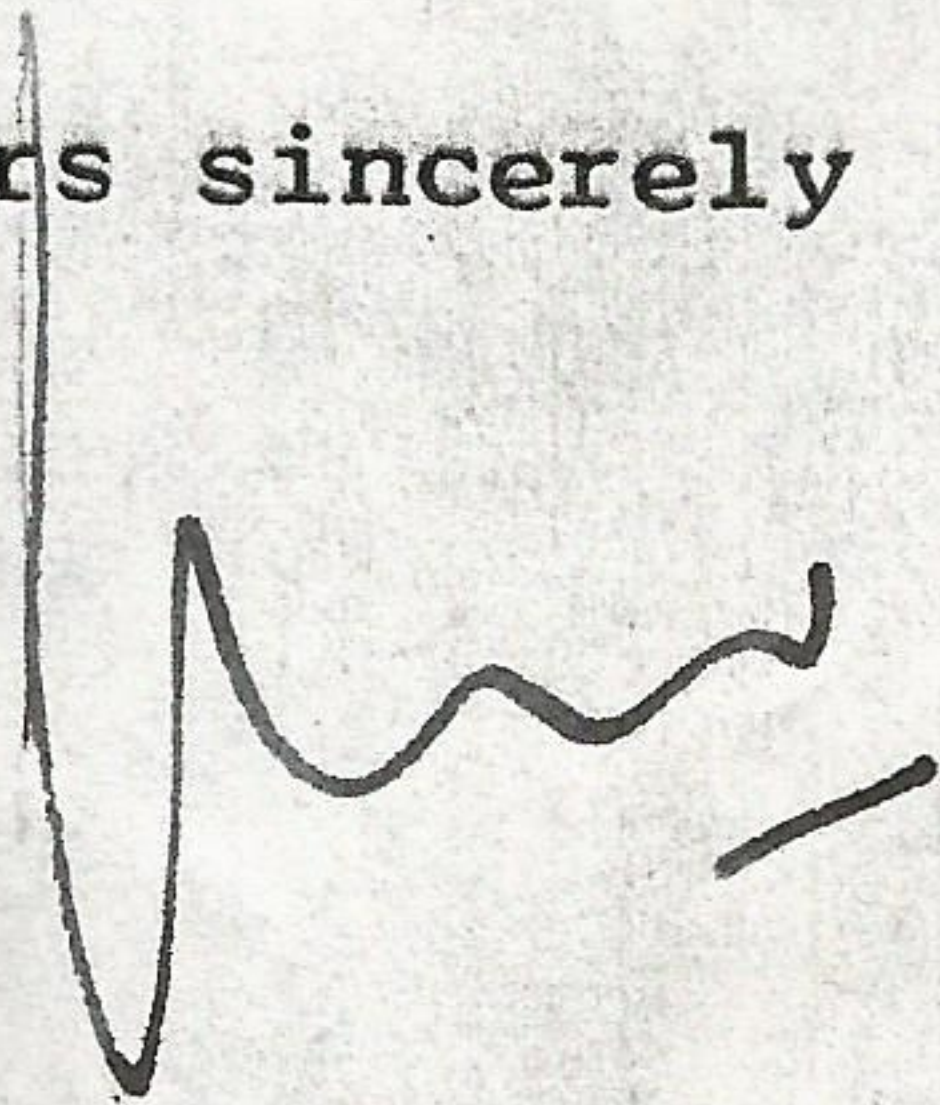
I personally am opposed to the un-necessary felling of trees, particularly in this area which is one of outstanding natural beauty and an area which has already been robbed of some magnificent trees due to the Bridge By-Pass proposals.

I believe this should be considered as a matter of urgency by the Amenities and Countryside Committee and I am sending a copy of this letter to its Chairman, Mr A.T. Tucker.

I wonder, in the meantime, whether consultation should take place as to the desirability of placing Tree Preservation Orders on those trees which are likely to be felled.

I look forward to the pleasure of hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



John Heddle.

COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL KENT

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J. D. Lovatt

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FOLKESTONE, KENT, CT20 2AH
Phone 52333

Your ref. RSH/EJC/CAT/74/7/BIS
CAT/74/8/BIS.

18th November, 1974.

Dear Sir,

Hardres Court and Bourne Estate

Thank you for your letter of 14th inst.

Without a copy of the application, it is impossible for us to know why the applicant wishes to fell these fine trees, and to what use he proposes to put the land after felling.

With the most unfortunate example before us of the unauthorized and unpunished felling by the same applicant in 1972 of the mature beech trees bordering the A2 road and covered by the same T.P.O., to which we objected in the strongest possible terms to the County Planning Officer, maintaining that it undermined the authority of Bridge-Blean R.D.C., we require far more information before we can comment on this application.

Yours faithfully,

R.F.H. Drake-Brockman

Hon. Secretary

*W.D.H.
Clerk 20 Nov*

City Architect & Planner,
City of Canterbury,
14 Dane John,
Canterbury, Kent CT1 2QP.

Nailbourne Protection Society

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12 Nov?

Tree Preservation Orders, Applications.

CAT 174/7/BIS Felling 38 Beech Trees - Bourne Park

CAT 174/8/BIS Thinning (60+?) Beech Trees - " "

Dear Shirley,

You may remember that about 3 years ago there was a considerable fuss when Shutt and Parker, for Bourne Estates, felled nearly 100 trees in Bourne Park without planning permission. This affair ~~led to a nasty~~ ~~to~~ caused a lot of ill feeling locally, as Bishopbourne, as I am sure is Bridge, are anxious to preserve Bourne Park.

Shutt and Parker have now applied to fell a large number of mature hedgerow trees, some ~~up~~ in the belt running up to Croft Cottage, and some along the A2 at Bridge Hill. (All these trees are of course preserved)

The Parish Council (which met last night) are protesting, objecting to this application. I have also reported the matter to the Committee for the Preservation of Rural Kent, and have written to Canterbury City Council.

Bankers: Barclays Bank Limited, Rose Lane, Canterbury, Kent

SHIRLEY

I can see no reason for killing these trees
except commercial gain. They are trees aged
40-60 years old, and in their prime, as we
discovers when the last attempt was made.

As you know Beacon Park is a unique example
of 19th Century landscaped parkland, and ~~it would~~
~~be an act that would cause to be intolerable if the~~
~~beauty and standards of trees were~~ should be preserved.

They did enough damage 3 years ago, without any penalty.

If there is any thing you can do to add
your weight to the objection, we shall all be
grateful.

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Tree Preservation Orders, Applications

12 NOV 74

CAT/74/17/BIS Felling Beech Trees, BOURNE PARK
CAT/74/18/BIS Thinning Beech Trees, BOURNE PARK.

Dear Sir,

My Society is most concerned about these applications to fell mature beech trees in Bourne Park. As you are aware this park is of extraordinary amenity interest, and was landscaped in 1848 by Andrew Nesfield. The belts and stands of trees remain much the same as when first designed, except for a few diseased elms. The beech trees are generally in prime condition, and thinning of beech trees can weaken their united resistance to weather.

Any thinning (or felling), undesirable in itself, would also reduce the screening effect which minimized the impact of the A2 and Budge Bypass on Bishopscourt. We most strongly object to these proposals.

Yours truly

G. G. Elliott
Hon Sec.

Manning Stiles
Canterbury City Council
Dave John.
Canterbury,

12 Nov P.C.

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25 November 1974.

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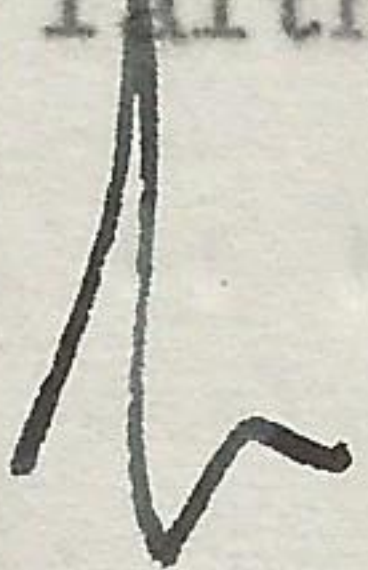
Dear Sir

Bourne Park, Bridge, Canterbury.

I write as a Member of the Kent County Council's Amenities & Countryside Committee to express my surprise at the fact that the owners of Bourne Park are planning to fell more than 100 mature trees and I would be grateful if you would add my objection to the very many letters of protest which I am sure you will have already received.

I would be most grateful if you would let me know the progress in this matter and I write to say that I have already asked the Amenities & Countryside Committee that this matter is brought up at our next meeting.

Yours faithfully



John Heddle.

copy Col. G.G. Elliott DSO MA.,

Col. Elliott

through information.

John Wood

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My ref: GGC/MEH/CAT.74 . 7.BIS
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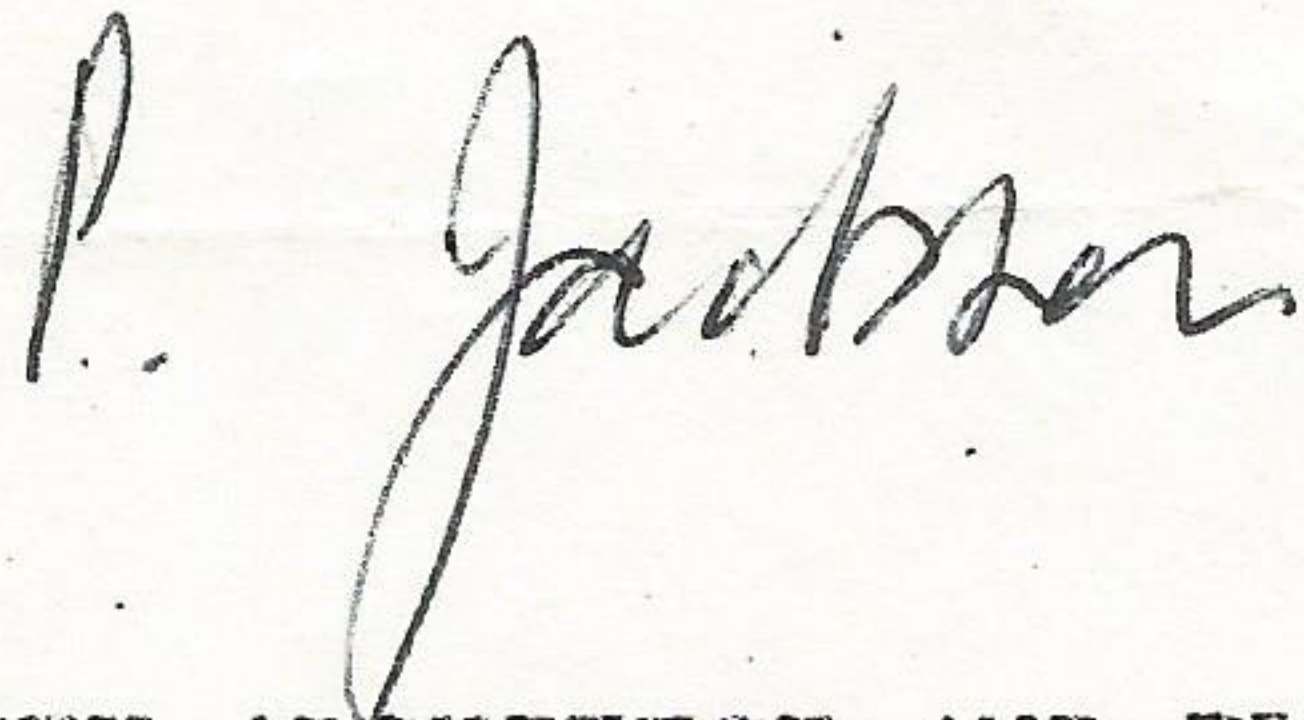
27th November 1974

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: CAT. 74.7. BIS and CAT 74. 8. BIS - Felling and Thinning of Beech Trees
Bourne Park, Bishopsbourne

With reference to the above application, I acknowledge receipt of your letter
dated 12th November, 1974, the contents of which will be brought to the
attention of the appropriate Committee.

Yours faithfully,



CITY ARCHITECT AND PLANNER.

*Work 5 Dec:
Cancel letter at 2 Nov*

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Colonel G. Elliott,
Hon. Sec. Nailbourne Protection
Society,
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Bekesbourne,
CANTERBURY Kent.

My ref: GGC/MEH/CAT/74/7/BIS

Your ref:

16th December, 1974

Dear Sir/Madam,

CAT/74/7/BIS and CAT/74/8/BIS - Planning Applications to fell and thin trees
on land at Bourne Park, Bishopsbourne

With reference to the above application, I acknowledge receipt of your letter
dated 6th December, 1974, the contents of which will be brought to the
attention of the appropriate Committee.

Yours faithfully,

P. Jackson

Mr
CITY ARCHITECT AND PLANNER.

If calling or telephoning please ask for Mr. Cox

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