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**Re: Background statement in support of application to carry out work on trees
subject to a TPO at 28 St Peter's Hill, RG4 7AX**

To whom it may concern,

Mr and Mrs Evans contacted White Knight Tree Care & Consultancy with regards to removing the established yew hedge (approximately 20m long) at the front of their property, and to cost replanting a laurel hedge, as the yew hedge was deemed to be thin on the property side and Mr and Mrs Evans were concerned about the security risk, having been subject to anti-social behaviour.

Rather than removing an established yew hedge, I suspect that the thinning on one side of the hedge is due to being overshadowed by the three large evergreen conifers T1, T2 and T3, which are cutting out a significant proportion of the light reaching the back side of the hedge. I recommended that crown-raising the trees should resolve this problem while allowing the trees to be retained. However, on returning to the site to take some photographs for this application, I discovered the fruiting body of *Sparassis crispa* at the base of T1. Given that this is a large, mature tree in close proximity to a busy main road, with an active fungus associated with root decay present, sadly I believe it is appropriate to remove it and replant, which Mr and Mrs Evans are prepared to do.

Kind regards,
David White

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