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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Application No: AB/65/20/T
Site Address: 9 Penfolds Place Arundel BN18 9SA
Description of works: Fell 1 No. Hornbeam tree. Canopy reduction of 1 No. Oak tree from 15m-13m.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 22nd July 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC28569

Dear Planning Application Officer(s),

I am writing with respect to Planning Application AB/65/20/T.

There has been a long and repeated history of unauthorized cutting and significant reduction of almost all the overhanging canopy branches leaning onto 9 Penfolds Place. Documented unauthorized pruning is described in the previous denied planning application submitted by 9 Penfolds Place. Further unauthorized pruning has continued and eliminated all new growth since the previous planning application was submitted.

The continuous and significant pruning of this protected tree within a designated conservation area has resulted in the loss of significant branches of more than 1.5 meters from the base of the trunk. As the vast majority, of all pruning has occurred during the trees growing cycle, rather than the dormant cycle, the tree naturally has endured continuous stress and new growth has been slow and sporadic.

Significant destruction of the trees rooting system has recently been caused by 9 Penfolds Place's complete excavation of all the land 5 feet from my tree and extending up to the home and adjacent conservation area land. Following the excavation, cement paving has been laid, further inhibiting the trees ability to regenerate vital rooting structures destroyed from digging. Some of the pictures of the recently finished (within last couple of weeks) paving work can be seen at this location <https://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-for-sale/property-71772348.html>.

The root destruction events are both within the Root Tree Radius protection zone for both of the trees in the application. These major works has eliminated close to 50% of the trees vital system.

Visible inspection of the tree reveals that all branches and growth reachable with a ladder and/or telescopic

extension has been removed. The result of all the above described unauthorized works has created a canopy that looks like an American football helmet without the face and ear protection structures.

In the tree's original state, it provided complete privacy with lush growth masking the homes on Penfolds Place during the summer months. I now have direct view of the first floor living room of 9 Penfolds Place from my garden and they as such they have a direct view of my garden. Unauthorized cutting and actions previously taken has removed my previous much coveted privacy and reduced the tree growth to the extent that further cutting will ultimately lead to the loss of amenity within the conservation area.

I believe the ultimate intention of this planning application is to eliminate this protected tree and other protected trees within the designated conservation area. Reductions and alterations to my tree with dramatically change/reduce the amenity of the tree and the abundant wildlife it sustains.

I kindly ask that a representative come out and inspect the tree and the surrounding properties within the conservation area prior to making any decision.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

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Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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