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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 24th July 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC28625

As the former owner and resident of number 41 Ford Road, two doors away from the application site, I have a number of objections to make. From 2001 until I moved in 2013, various residents of Penfolds Place made numerous harmful and unauthorised attempts at surgery of the trees under TPOs that form the boundary to this development and neighbouring homes and fields. Others were surprisingly given permission to remove or reduce tress so that they may gain a better view of the townscape of Arundel. These were minor trees on the whole, which is why I did not object to their applications. This application is for a near veteran oak tree of major landscape value and amenity. The reasons for the application do not have validity. This tree was a large tree before Geo.Wimpey Ltd. built this estate. All owners and occupiers of this terrace from which the application is made would have had light restriction from the trees under the TPO and would have leaf fall and bird dropping issues to contend with. These are not valid or material planning concerns. The applicants property suffers from a north west aspect to the rear where the main living accommodation is at ground and first floor. These rooms and the courtyard behind the property have never received much direct sunlight since they were built. Surgery on this tree would set the wrong type of precedent and enable other applicants to attempt to damage other veteran trees in the vicinity, such as the Hornbeam at number 39. I believe that further loss of tree amenity, such as canopy educations and removals adversely affect the setting of Arundel which I understand has special planning policies to protect it. The opening of an aspect from the town to see Penfolds Place which has always been shrouded in trees causes a negative change to the setting of Arundel and its special beauty. Aside from the lack of valid planning reasons for the proposed surgery, and the aesthetic objections, as the site lies within a flood plain where trees play a major part in mitigating the potential for fluvial and groundwater at this location, the loss of tree volume and the potential for even further damage to this particular tree is a cause of great concern. Whilst I no longer live adjacent to the site, I maintain that the band of trees subject to the TPO forms a major landscape and environmental feature in this part for Arundel, and damage must be resisted.

One final point I would wish to make is that my late neighbour, the former resident at number 37 Ford Road, Arlene, was instrumental in saving these trees in the first place as Wimpey had attempted to raze them to the ground in order to accommodate additional units at this site. Indeed, they managed to destroy listed buildings on the site also. I feel it correct in respect of Arlene's memory that I do what I can to protect these trees.

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

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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
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