

DECISION NOTICE

Application Ref: AL/92/21/T

1 To Addressee

Woodsmen Tree Services
137 North Bersted Street
Bersted
Bognor Regis
PO22 9AG

2 Site Address

17 Ivy Close
Westergate
Aldingbourne
PO20 3RF

3 Description of Development

Oak (T1) - crown reduction and crown lift. It is recommended to complete a 30% crown reduction (2.5-3.5m) and crown lift to keep the branches off the footpath and away from the road (5m). This will leave a span of 14-16m and height of 18-20m

4 In pursuance of their powers under this Act and these Regulations the Council **REFUSE** consent for the operations described in the application and plan for the reasons stated.

- 1 The quantity of crown material proposed for removal is substantial and will irrevocably diminish the tree's natural form and size potential. Such work is usually reserved for those trees which have significant structural defects or undue influence over their surroundings. The application is not supported with a sufficiently detailed tree hazard assessment to justify that work. The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

INFORMATIVE: Note the comments of the tree officer on the website - an alternative application is recommended as stated in those comments.



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

Case Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Decision Issued: **27th August 2021**

Arun District Council
The Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex BN17 5LF

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT

NOTES RELATING TO APPLICATIONS TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREES

Appeals under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

If you are aggrieved by the local planning authority's decision to refuse consent, you can appeal to the Secretary of State within 28 days of the date of this notice.

Your appeal should be made on the relevant TPO (consents) appeal form obtained from the planning inspectorate. You can find the form and advice about making an appeal at <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-decision-about-tree-order>

You may also obtain a form by telephoning or writing to The Planning Inspectorate, Environment Team, Room 2/25 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN or you can e-mail: environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk

COMPENSATION

If you suffer loss or damage which is caused or incurred in consequence of this refusal of consent, you are entitled to recover from the Council compensation in respect of such loss or damage. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the First Secretary of State, within 12 months from the date of his decision). Claims should be submitted in writing to the Group Head of Planning, Arun District Council, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5LF.

Please note that this decision notice only relates to matters under the Planning Acts and does not give consent under any other legislation that may apply to the development. You will need to carry out your own checks to determine whether any other consents or permissions are required. For example, the Building Regulations are likely to apply to most developments, and a Highways Licence may be required from West Sussex County Council for any development within the public highway (including the placing of skips on highway land).