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Tree Report

At

Seacrest
The Close
Aldwick Bay
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PO21 4EP

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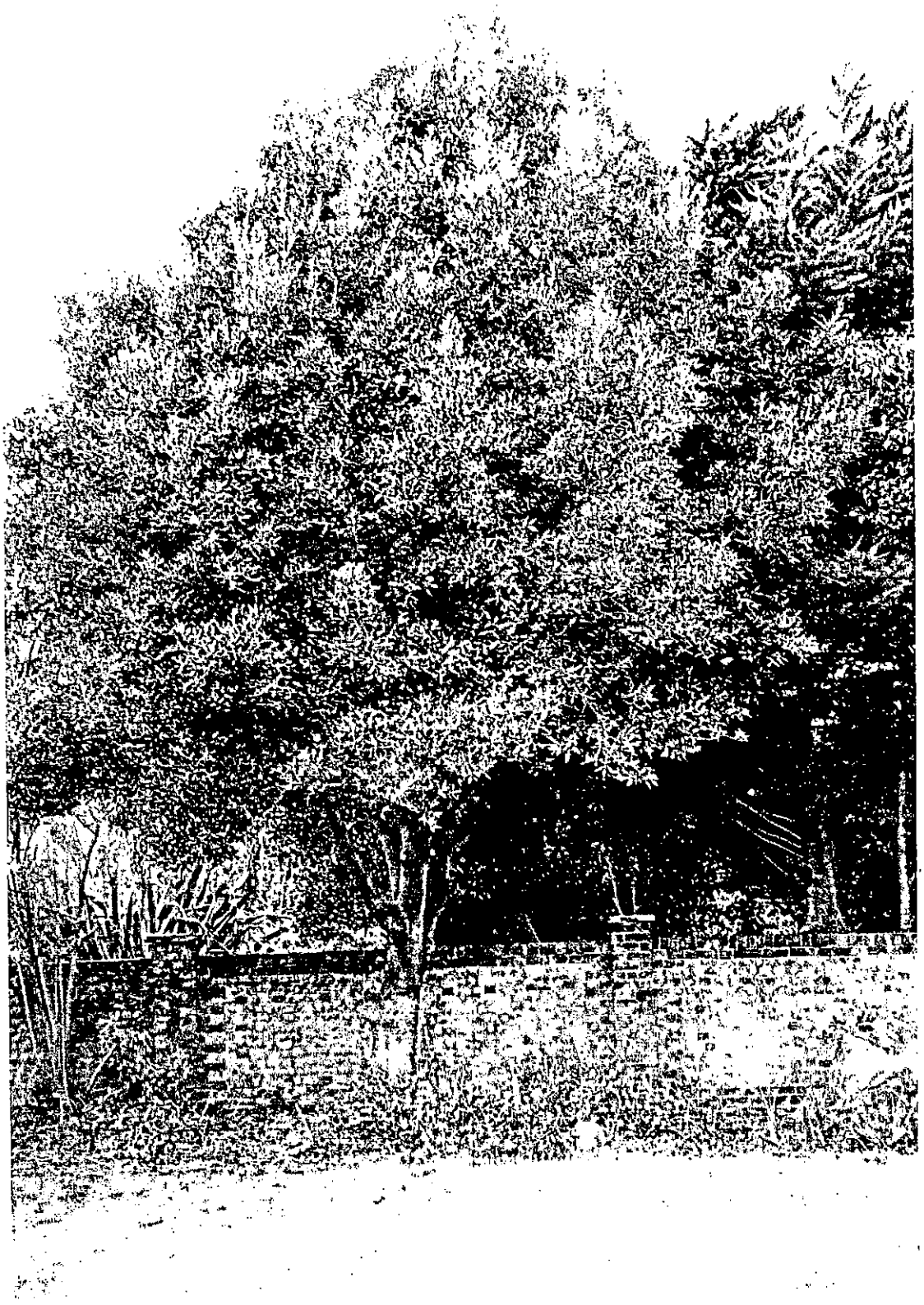
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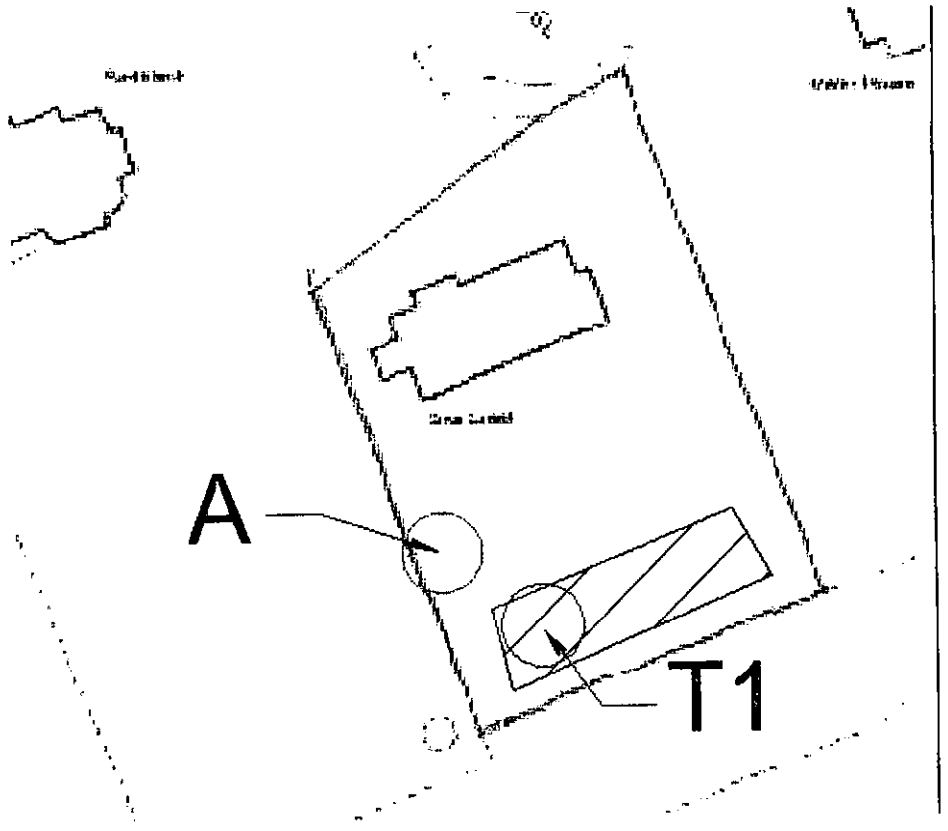
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Picture 2 Tree A

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Extract of Site Plan: hatched area T1 Holm Oak on mound rear garden of ' 'Sea Crest' 'A' shows adjacent Holm Oak better specimen to preserve 9.8m from T1.

1.Brief: I have been instructed by Lyne and Tim Jacobs of 'Seacrest' The Close Aldwick Bay West Sussex PO21 4EP. To provide a report with reference to a proposed Tree Preservation Order on the Holm Oak T1 in the rear garden of 'Seacrest'.

2.Scope of this report: Consideration of the documents provided by the client. Site visit and the collection of measurements/ observations of the Holm Oak T1 and surrounding features.

3.Back Ground:: Further to a notice made by the client with regards to the removal of 6x Holm Oaks and Bay tree in the Aldwick Bay conservation area the local authority gave permission to remove all but one Holm Oak tree on the south western corner of 'Seacrest'. Arun district council propose to apply a Tree Preservation Order to this specimen.

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4.Arboricultural description: T1 Holm Oak / Evergreen Oak (L. Quercus ilex)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quercus_ilex

This specimen: Situated on a sandy soil based mound, self set not planted.

Crown spread: North 5m, East 6m, South 4m, West 2m.
Height: 10m

Branch structure: 2 Stems at 60cm southern stem 30cms dbh northern stem 45cms dbh

Tree Condition: this specimen is in an overall poor condition with extensive damage to the upper crown on the east side, one sided poor form and unbalanced, twin stemmed with 'included bark' in the lower fork area.

'A' Holm Oak adjacent to T1 above.

This specimen is situated 9.8m from T1

Crown spread: North 4m, East 4m, South 4m, West 4m.

Branch structure: Single stem at 50cms dbh

Tree Condition: this specimen is in a overall good condition with a shaped and balanced crown.

5.TPO evaluation: with reference to the governments published tree preservation order guide
http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/tposguide

I refer to guidance on page 10 para 3.3

"3.3 LPAs should be able to explain to landowners why their trees or woodlands have been protected by a TPO. They are advised to develop ways of assessing the 'amenity value' of trees in a structured and consistent way, taking into account the following key criteria:

*(1) **visibility**: the extent to which the trees or woodlands can be seen by the general public will inform the LPA's assessment of whether its impact on the local environment is significant. If they cannot be seen or are just barely visible from a public place, a TPO might only be justified in exceptional circumstances;*

*(2) **individual impact**: the mere fact that a tree is publicly visible will not itself be sufficient to warrant a TPO. The LPA should also assess the tree's*

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particular importance by reference to its size and form, its future potential as an amenity, taking into account any special factors such as its rarity, value as a screen or contribution to the character or appearance of a conservation area. As noted in paragraph 3.2 above, in relation to a group of trees or woodland, an assessment should be made of its collective impact;

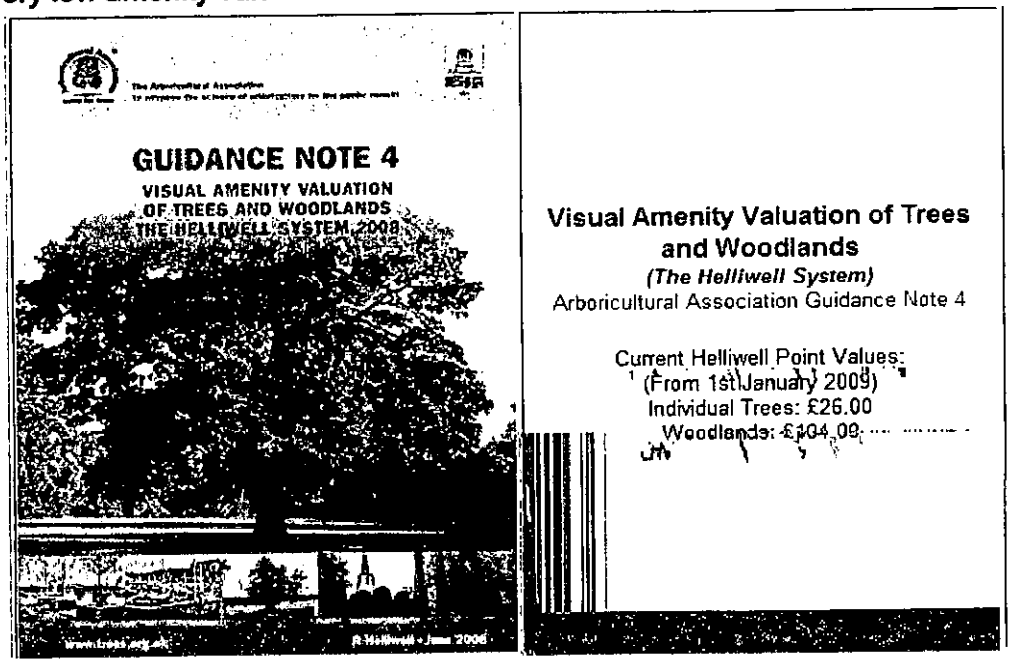
*(3) **wider impact**: the significance of the trees in their local surroundings should also be assessed, taking into account how suitable they are to their particular setting, as well as the presence of other trees in the vicinity."*

I have used two tried and reputable methods to try and replicate Arun District Councils decisions that the Holm Oak T1 represents a important 'visual amenity value' a/ The Helliwell System and b/ TEMPO.

After completing both of the above processes the following results conclude:

A/ Size categorised Crown Spread 5 to 10m= 1 point
Useful Life expectancy 5 to 40 years = 2 points
importance in the landscape back garden = 1 point
Presence of other trees 30% visual area = 1 point
Relation to setting just suitable = 1 point
Form and shape poor form = 0.5 point
No special factors = 1 point

Result= 1X£26(Arboricultual Associations figure)= Value £26
Very low amenity value.



B/ Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO)

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TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS (TEMPO)

SURVEY DATA SHEET & DECISION GUIDE

Date: 25.3.09 Surveyor: V. Ashford

Tree details
TPO Ref (if applicable): Tree/Group No: Species: Holm Oak
Owner (if known): Location: SEA CREST

REFER TO GUIDANCE NOTE FOR ALL DEFINITIONS

Part 1: Amenity assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO

5) Good	Highly suitable
3) Fair	Suitable
1) Poor	Unlikely to be suitable
0) Dead	Unsuitable
0) Dying/dangerous*	Unsuitable

Score & Notes: 1 Twin stemmed/fire damaged on mound, self sed

* Relates to existing context and is intended to apply to severe irremediable defects only

b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO

5) 100+	Highly suitable
4) 40-100	Very suitable
2) 20-40	Suitable
1) 10-20	Just suitable
0) <10*	Unsuitable

Score & Notes: 2 Would need constant pruning in limited area.

*Includes trees which are an existing or near future nuisance, including those clearly outgrowing their context, or which are significantly negating the potential of other trees of better quality

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use

5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees	Highly suitable
4) Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public	Suitable
3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only	Suitable
2) Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty	Barely suitable
1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size	Probably unsuitable

Score & Notes: 3 Main only see side

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

5) Principal components of arboricultural features, or veteran trees	
4) Tree groups, or members of groups important for their cohesion	
3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance	
2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual	
1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features	

Score & Notes:

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 9 or more points to qualify

5) Immediate threat to tree	
3) Foreseeable threat to tree	
2) Perceived threat to tree	
1) Precautionary only	

Score & Notes:

Part 3: Decision guide

Any 0	Do not apply TPO
1-6	TPO indefensible
7-10	Does not merit TPO
11-14	TPO defensible
15+	Definitely merits TPO

Add Scores for Total: 6

Decision: TPO indefensible

http://www.aie.org.uk/resources/tempo/TEMPO.pdf
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6. **Conclusion:** Visual amenity is limited by the only access is to a private beach and not general public. This specimen is not a significant tree and not worthy of a TPO taking in account the governments TPO guide above. Both evaluation methods show that the Holm oak T1 does not score highly as a specimen of high amenity value. Therefore it would not be appropriate to confirm a TPO on this specimen it is:

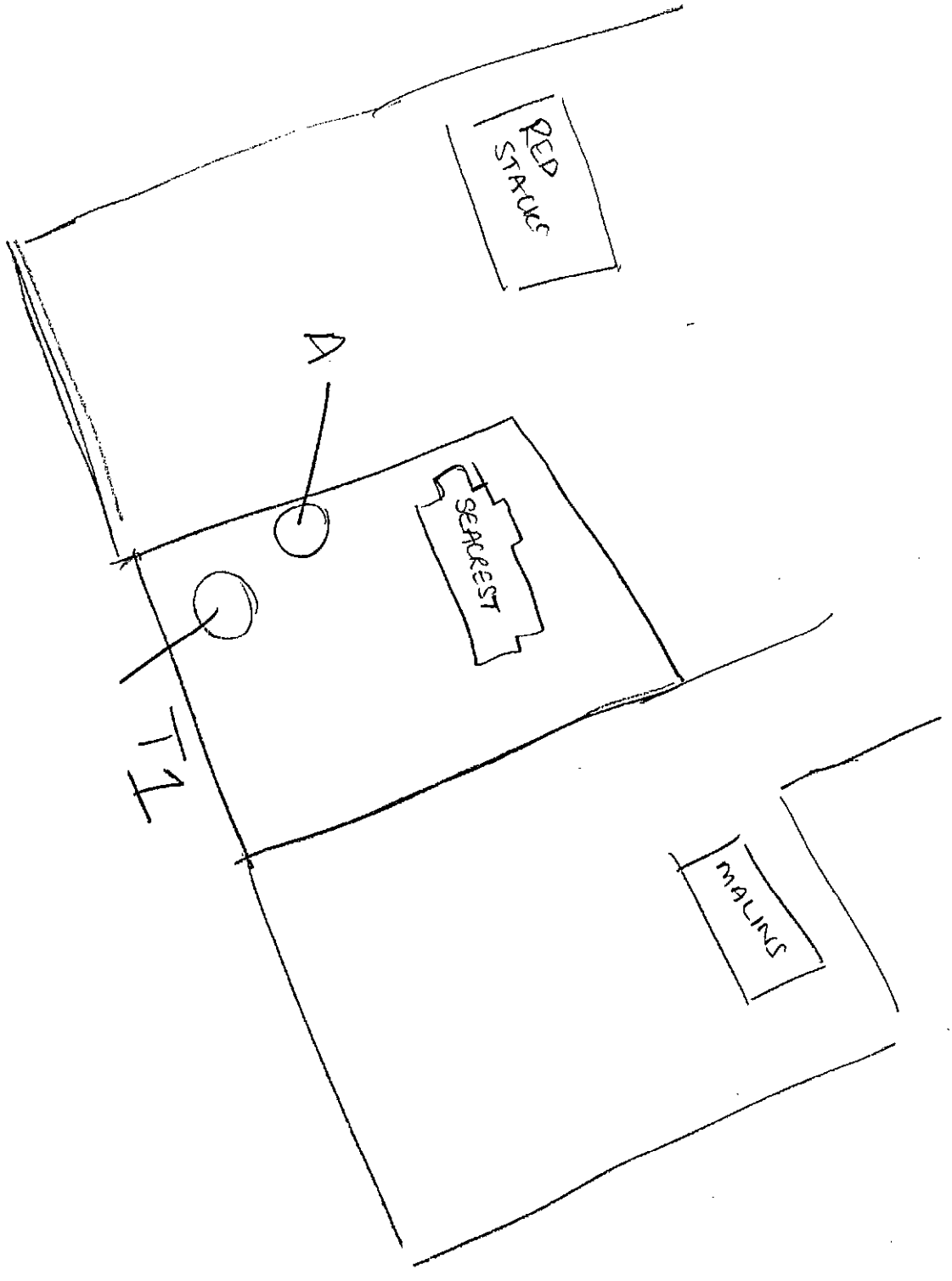
- **Poor Arboricultural condition**
- **Invasive self set species see link :**
  http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/7573460.stm
- **Inappropriate in a back garden on the mound**
- **Poor structure**
- **Fire damaged**

7. **Recommendation:** After the site visit and as detailed above a suggestion would be to request the moving of the TPO proposal to Holm Oak tree A on the above plan. This specimen is in a good Arboricultural condition and a better form.

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