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PO21 4AN

Dear Mrs Alexander,

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

Application for Works to Trees(s) subject to a Tree Preservation Order(TPO)

Development: Tree species: Sycamore
Tree number: T370
Proposed works: Felling to ground level.

T370 is a large Sycamore approximately 5m from the dwelling, close to the property boundary and approximately 5m from a 1.8m-deep culvert carrying surface water from the town towards the sea.

Reasons for proposed works:

1. Resident's wellbeing and safety

A resident of the property has a diagnosed health condition which, when triggered, can place them at significant risk of harm. It is therefore important that their home, and particularly their bedroom, remains a safe environment.

T370 has become a significant and persistent environmental trigger for this resident. The property is in a coastal location and experiences frequent windy conditions. Movement of the large tree and its branches during windy weather makes this a recurring rather than occasional trigger, causing significant distress.

Felling the tree would remove this established environmental trigger and help maintain the home as a safe space for the resident.

For medical privacy, no diagnosis or medical history is included in this application. Supporting evidence from an appropriate medical professional can be provided confidentially to the Local Planning Authority if required.

2. Proximity to the dwelling

The tree is approximately 5m from the house and a substantial number of branches

overhang the extension and roof. Given the size of the tree and the frequent windy conditions at this coastal location, there is concern about potential damage from falling or broken branches. Felling would remove this ongoing risk to the building.

3. Culvert and drainage infrastructure

The tree is approximately 5m from a culvert approximately 1.8m deep which carries surface water from the town towards the sea. The property owner has responsibility for the relevant drainage infrastructure, and the potential for tree roots to interfere with or damage the culvert is therefore a significant concern.

This responsibility has previously been raised by the Local Authority when two other trees in the vicinity, which were closer to the culvert, were removed. Felling T370 would remove the potential for its root system to cause future problems with this important drainage infrastructure.

4. Existing and replacement planting

The applicant recognises the value of trees and is not seeking to remove tree cover generally. Several fruit trees have already been planted elsewhere in the garden, away from the culvert, and there is also a young Sycamore immediately beyond the property boundary.

Any replacement planting required could be considered in a suitable location away from the culvert and dwelling, so that it can provide amenity value without creating the same conflicts.

Location: 2 Craigweil Lane Aldwick PO21 4AN

Thank you for your application submitted via the internet on 20th September 2026. It has been downloaded and will be checked for validity by the Technical Support Unit. It has been allocated the reference number **AW/177/26/T**.

Once your application has been checked we will contact you again.

This letter does not confirm validity of the application/documentation submitted.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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