

Mrs Rachel Willmer
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Dear Mrs Willmer,

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: I am writing to formally request permission for the removal of the large Monterey Cypress tree (Ref:T-234) located in the front garden of my Mothers property in No.1 Shipfield. This request is made on the grounds of public safety, structural risk, financial burden, and the significant impact the tree is having on my Mothers wellbeing.

Over recent years, the tree has become increasingly unsafe. It regularly sheds large branches without warning, posing a serious risk to pedestrians, parked vehicles, and residents who pass beneath it daily. This is particularly concerning given the number of elderly residents in the area. The roots of the tree are now lifting the surrounding paving, creating uneven surfaces that significantly increase the risk of trips and falls, especially for my elderly Mother, who is already unsteady on her feet, as it encroaches her daily access to and from her home. We are also conscious of the main sewage pipes which are located nearby.

In addition, the tree is visibly deteriorating. My tree surgeon has identified clear signs of internal rot, including black material seeping from the trunk, which suggests structural failure from within. This raises serious concerns about the tree's long-term stability and the potential consequences should a major limb or the tree itself collapse. This is particularly worrying with the increased number of storms we are now all experiencing.

The ongoing responsibility of keeping the tree safe has also placed a growing financial strain on my Mother. Over the past 18 years my Mother has had regular inspections, emergency call-outs, and remedial works carried out. These are costly and unsustainable, particularly given the tree's declining condition and the likelihood that these issues will only worsen.

Furthermore, the size and position of the tree severely restrict natural light to her

home. This lack of daylight has had a direct and detrimental effect on her mental wellbeing, contributing to ongoing distress and reduced quality of life. Despite efforts to manage this, the situation has become increasingly difficult.

The estate, Shipfield, is managed by Hobdens Property Management Ltd, For and on behalf of Aldwick Place Residents Association Ltd, who have also supported the removal of this tree.

For these reasons, I believe the removal of the tree is both reasonable and necessary in the interests of public safety, accessibility, and my Mothers health and wellbeing. If we are granted this application for removal, we would like to replant the area with native tree species, for example hawthorn and rowan which are particularly beneficial to birds and wildlife in general. I am, of course, open to discussion on this.

Location: 1 Shipfield Aldwick PO21 4AE

Thank you for your application submitted via the internet on 28th January 2026. It has been downloaded and will be checked for validity by the Technical Support Unit. It has been allocated the reference number **AW/17/26/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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