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14th OCTOBER 2025

Dear Ms Steiningerova,

**REF: PLANNING APPLICATION AW/194/25/T – RESPONSE TO ALDWICK
PARISH COUNCIL**

As the applicant for AW/194/25/T, I was very surprised and disappointed to see that Aldwick Parish Council have objected to my planning application on the grounds of insufficient information, and they need more information about the condition of the tree.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If the Parish Council are able to take a further look at my application form, they will see that I have provided three previous planning application numbers for my immediate neighbours who were all experiencing exactly the same problems with their tree roots as I am.

These applications were all granted planning permission to fell their poplar trees. The decision notices for all three applications state permission was granted for non-horticultural reasons.

The application numbers are as follows:

AW/115/87/T – Appendix Six of my application form
AW/216/87/T – Appendix Seven of my application form
AW/146/87/T – Appendix Eight of my application form

I have provided copies of all the paperwork for all three applications with my application.

I have applied to fell the tree for exactly the same reason as the three applications referred to above, which is the issue with the tree roots sending up suckers up against the house, and all over the back lawn and front drive.

My application if anything is more serious than the three applications referred to above, as the tree root suckers are affecting two of my immediate neighbours' properties as well, at numbers 52 and 50.

My application to fell the tree has been made with full support of the owners of the other two properties affected by my tree roots.

It is of the utmost importance and urgency that this tree is felled before the tree roots find a way into any of our properties drains, water supply pipes or cause any damage to our property foundations.

I don't think the Parish Council have understood the reasons for the application, and I would be very interested to learn what additional information they require from me as the applicant. I have provided as thorough an application as I can, but whatever additional information they require I will do my best to provide it, . . . but they haven't stated what additional information they require.

TREE CONDITION

Respectfully, I do not see what the condition of the tree has to do with this application. The issue is with the tree roots showing evidence of being too close to three residential dwellings foundations and utility service water drains and pipes.

The condition of the trees was not a material consideration for the three applications referred to above, and I fail to see why it should be for this one.

I must put on record, there have been no birds nesting in this tree for at least two years, probably more than that. The three objections from the people connected with house number 60 have made a mistake and must be looking at the wrong tree. There are currently no wildlife or wild birds' nests in the tree, . . . and there definitely isn't a flock of woodpeckers nesting in the tree as the objector's state. This is just plain wrong, . . . it is factually incorrect. They haven't provided any supporting evidence to back up what they state, and this should not form part of the evidence that the application is assessed upon.

If permission to fell the tree for non-horticultural reasons are the buzz words that need to be used in the application description of work, then please I am happy to discuss and agree an amendment to the description that the application validator has used.

I am happy to agree an extension of time if the planning officer needs to send this back to the Parish Council for another consultation.

The description of work probably should be something like:

Fell Lombardy poplar tree to ground level for non-horticultural reasons to prevent tree root infestation into residential dwelling drains and foundations as per

AW/115/87/T

My expectation still remains for my application to be considered for all of the reasons stated in my application form, . . .

Planning precedents set by the three applications above given planning permission for non-horticultural reasons,

The tree fails all criteria to be protected in law by a tree preservation order, the danger level of living close to elderly trees which can just randomly collapse in high wind,

The fact that the dwellings would not be granted planning or building control permission if applied for today,

The houses have been built too close to the trees to allow the roots sufficient room to grow,

The split boundary and blocked access to the whole of my back garden,

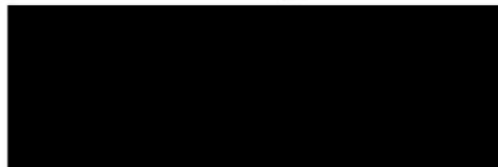
The zero-amenity value of the tree which spoils the AONB in which we are privileged to live,

The huge improvement made to the area for the benefit of everyone in the road by opening the area up by felling the tree,

And the awful value for money in council tax the tree causes by blocking access to the whole of my back garden, rendering the top area of the garden utterly useless.

I hope this letter provides a positive way forward for my application in order to bring it to a positive conclusion.

Yours sincerely,

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MR. B PIDDUCK

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