

Simeon Hopkins
20 Lodge Court
Aldwick
PO21 4XP

Your Ref: OWPC4046
Our Ref: AW/257/14/T 16-09-2014
Please ask for:
Mrs J Chapman

15th October 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Fell 1 No Beech tree & raise crown by 2m & reduce crown by a maximum of 5m to 1 No Beech tree

2 Grange Lodge Aldwick Street Aldwick

Thank you for your internet representation made on 14th October 2014 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

I purchased 20 Lodge Court three years ago. When I acquired it in November 2011 I discovered that leaves were seriously clogging the gutters adjacent to the tree in question. Ever since I have struggled to keep the gutters clear of leaves to prevent cascades of water tumbling down the walls of my property during heavy rain, despite regularly having the gutters emptied of leaves and cleaned. I have installed 'Hedgehog' gutter protectors in an endeavor to remedy this problem but to no avail. This tree is now overhanging my property by nearly four meters and my house by nearly three meters. Its branches are touching my house and, in strong winds, they beat upon the roof and hanging tiles. It casts much shadow over one of the bedroom windows and also the only window that faces South in the sitting room. I have been advised that the tree is only half way through its potential for growth. I am concerned that its roots will inevitably undermine the foundations of the South-east corner of my house causing either heave or subsidence. I had to have a small holly tree removed this year that grew some three meters from the trunk of the tree in question. It bloomed and berried beautifully last year and was a great Christmas attraction which drew comments from local residents. During the course of this year all the leaves dried up and fell off and the branches shriveled. It had died for lack of water, hence the need to take it down. The holly tree grew to the South of the tree in question and further from the index tree than the distance between the tree and the foundations of my house at its South-eastern corner. Further, there is a rain water drain at this corner of the house. Hence my concerns. As a retired person I cannot afford the prospect of major underpinning or drain repair works on my current fixed income. Please allow this application and, further, in anticipation of future growth, please also consider the possibility of removing the western trunk which leans towards and is nearest to my property, at the point where it forks, some three meters above ground level. This would avoid rot in the fork and the probability of that part of the tree falling over my house in years to come. Given a few years growth the shape of the tree will be restored as light gets to the eastern fork. If the above request is not clear to you, please come and inspect the problem for yourselves. I shall be pleased to explain my concerns to you.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be

advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Karl Roberts
Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration