Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 23rd November 2017

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/301/17/T**

Location : **34 Pinehurst Park, Aldwick**

Description of works: Fell 1 No Lombardy Poplar

Applicants Reasons Tall and leans excessively

Comments On Application:

Lombardy Poplar *Populus nigra 'Italica'* Height: 20m AvgeSprd: 5m Age: Early Mature

- Situated in the small rear garden of this property.
- Sound and healthy tree that is visually significant in the landscape.
- Has a natural lean but I found no evidence that it has rootplate lifted or has a defect that might cause it to fail.

Conclusions:

- The fact that it is tall and has a lean is not sufficient grounds to justify felling.
- Neither is the removal of the Birch tree next to it a cause for concern as the Birch can only be cut to ground level because grubbing or grinding the stump would be damaging to the Poplar and any such attempt to do so would be 'wilful damage' which is an offence liable to prosecution.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** of this application which seeks the felling of this tree.

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