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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Application No: A/100/21/T
Site Address: Land to North of New Road Angmering
Description of works: Fell 12 No. Monterey Pine trees

Thank you for your internet representation made on 26th June 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC37756

I fully support the concerns raised by Angmering Parish Council and numerous others in relation to this application.

These trees are mature and subject to a TPO ref. 2/1988/A and as such would require compelling conditions to be demonstrated in order to over-ride the TPO. The fact that it may be the cheapest and most convenient route for these large companies cannot alone be adequate justification to remove a swathe of protected trees. The growth of such trees can hardly be unexpected when infrastructure is initially installed so to then claim that they are now blocking signals and must be removed cannot be upheld as the first and only option.

With the increase in development in the immediate area and highway expansion, mature trees such as these are increasingly essential in terms of their environmental impact, wildlife habitat and carbon offset.

The initial application was for 'works' to the trees as entered on the portal 25th May. There is no documentation from the client shown to support the change to 'Fell' the trees. The change first appears in the ADC document shown on the portal 27th May. The site report only made comment that it was 'probably' better to fell the trees.

'Probably' is inadequate to over-ride a TPO on so many trees without further justification following exploration and professional analysis of all other options. There is no indication that any consideration has been given to other options and therefore this application must fail on that basis.

Item 5 of the application requires that the applicant MUST provide proposals for planting replacement trees (including quantity, species, position and size) which has not been submitted although the applicants will be fully aware of this requirement. Again, this application must fail as this requirement has also not been met.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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