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Your Ref: OWPC16185
Our Ref: A/183/17/T 02-10-2017
Please ask for:
Amber Willard

7th November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Fell 1 No. Horse Chestnut Tree
1 West Drive Angmering

Thank you for your internet representation made on 6th November 2017 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATION REF: A/183/17/T TO FELL ONE HORSE CHESTNUT TREE AT 1 WEST DRIVE ANGMERING.

- *We have lived at Hambrook House since March 1988 and have observed the horse chestnut tree over that time.*
- *The tree has lost a few branches over the years but the rate of fall and the size of branches affected have increased dramatically over the last two or three years.*
- *We have noticed a marked deterioration in the health of the tree over that time. The leaves have turned brown much earlier than before and there are now fewer conkers compared with the past and these are much smaller than they used to be.*
- *The timber at the point where the branches have broken off now often looks as if it is decayed and has even been eaten away. It does not look at all healthy.*
- *Branches have not only fallen at times of strong winds. Increasingly, branches are found below the tree when there have not been any gales at all. We do notice this because we have to pass under the tree to gain access to our property.*
- *About six months ago we suffered some damage to the roof of our car from a falling branch while reversing into our driveway.*
- *On the night of 12th September 2017, during a gale, a large branch, about 9m long, fell from the tree in the dark. If anyone had been passing beneath it at the time the consequences could have been serious. I heard the impact from inside our house as the branch fell and went outside to investigate. The road was blocked, it was raining hard and very dark as we have no street lighting. I could not lift the end of the branch but managed, with considerable difficulty, to drag it to the side of the road.*
- *About an hour later a relatively small branch, about 3m long, fell from the tree and through the roof of our garage. The damage on this occasion was relatively minor although our roofing contractor has been unable to affect an acceptable repair because the tiles are now obsolete.*
- *It is surely only a matter of time before some more damage is caused by the tree and we may not be so lucky in future.*
- *The tree could fall and damage the electricity sub-station, which is directly opposite it, and block the road.*
- *Any branches, or even the whole tree, could also fall on our garage and cause considerable damage to the building and contents.*
- *If the complete tree fell it could not only damage our garage or the sub-station but could even fall on No.1 West Drive or possibly East Links, the house opposite.*
- *The tree is bounded on two sides by flint walls, both of which are showing signs of damage for which we feel the tree is in part responsible.*
- *We strongly support the request to fell this diseased Horse Chestnut tree.*

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 to 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

Neil Crowther
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