

Tel: 01903 770182

Mrs. J. Phillips
Westerly
Ham Manor Way
Angmering
West Sussex
BN16 4JQ

15th April, 2013

H. Cheadle Dip TP, MRTPI
Head of Planning Services
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton BN17 5LF

Dear Mr. Cheadle,

**Re: Planning Application Ref: A/34/13/T – FELLING OF PRESERVED
MONTEREY PINES AT EAST DRIVE, HAM MANOR**

I am writing in opposition to the above Planning Application to fell Preserved Trees in East Drive, Ham Manor.

I am sure that many of the owners in East Drive will be happy to see some trees felled as they find them a nuisance.

However, let's look at this from another point of view. In this day and age we are desperately trying to save our environment. As the West Sussex coastal littoral becomes more and more developed, as Local Councils are 'promising', surely we should try as much as possible to preserve trees which by their photosynthesis process build up complex materials, and are the habitat of wildlife. Enough are already being felled to build houses.

Before allowing any trees to be felled or harshly cut back, please consider carefully the following points:

- Once gone these gracious, stately and stunning trees will never be replaced. It would be a great loss to Ham Manor as they are so much part of the ambiance and nature of the estate.
- Have the Arboriculturalists considered any alternatives for saving the trees. Are there not any means of arresting the spread of the fungal disease? Does anyone want to save trees?
- If they are felled, it should be strictly on the basis that new, mature trees of a certain size and similar type are planted immediately. This has been a condition in the past when trees along there were felled but in most cases they were not replaced by the owners of the verge. This ruling was not apparently followed-up by the Council. Does it still exist?

Many, many trees are being felled on Ham Manor which cannot be controlled by ADC as they are not preserved. However, people are supposed to apply to our Residents' Association which they do not. New owners arrive and strike down the trees as a priority on arriving; sometimes four in one garden. A mature Oak went a couple of years ago, directly the people moved in and I do believe that had a TPO on it. Nothing said.

I am asking you to please consider very carefully this latest application by Persimmon Homes South Coast to fell two of these wonderful Monterey Pines as well as cutting back of others. I realise that dangerous limbs have to be dealt with, but it is very easy to say they are dangerous we don't know. Once these types of trees go from our area it will lose something special. They just don't grow in a couple of years!

Yours sincerely,

J. Phillips (Mrs.)