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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/68/26/T
Site Address: 24 The Groves Angmering BN16 4QS
Description of works: Crown reduction to 1 no. Lime (T1) to leave a spread of 6m and height of 9m.
Crown lift to 4m from ground level.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 5th June 2026 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC83914

RE: OBJECTION TO APPLICATION A/68/26/T
24 The Groves, Angmering BN16 4QS

Proposal:
Lime (T1) - Reduce radial spread by up to 2 metres, raise canopy to 4 metres and reduce height by 2 metres (finished height 9 metres).

I wish to strongly object to this application.

The proposed works are extensive and, based upon the information submitted, entirely unnecessary. No evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the tree is diseased, dangerous, structurally unsound, causing damage, or requiring intervention for sound arboricultural reasons.

The tree forms part of a protected group of mature Lime trees covered by Tree Preservation Order TPO/A/2/17. These trees have been established for many years and were present long before the Ecclesden Park development was designed, approved, marketed and occupied. The developer and all subsequent purchasers were fully aware, or should have been aware, that these protected trees formed part of the landscape setting of the site.

The stated reason for the proposed works appears to be simply to maintain the tree at what the applicant considers a "reasonable size". However, the very purpose of a Tree Preservation Order is to protect trees

because of their public amenity value, not to allow their reduction whenever an adjoining owner would prefer a different outlook.

The tree is already an appropriate size for its location and performs several important functions:

- It contributes significantly to the visual character of the area.
- It provides valuable screening and softens the appearance of the surrounding development.
- It forms part of an important group of protected boundary trees.
- It contributes to local biodiversity and wildlife habitat.
- It provides environmental benefits that extend beyond the applicant's property.

The proposed reduction in height, canopy spread and crown structure would materially diminish these benefits.

Particularly concerning is the precedent this application would create. There are a number of similarly protected Lime trees along this boundary. If one resident is permitted to reduce a protected tree simply because it is considered larger than desired, it becomes increasingly difficult to resist similar applications from neighbouring properties. The cumulative impact would be the gradual erosion of the protected tree belt that the Tree Preservation Order was specifically intended to safeguard.

The Local Planning Authority should also note the considerable opposition expressed during application A/12/25/T relating to the removal of a single limb from a nearby protected tree. At that time, local residents and Angmering Parish Council emphasised the importance of protecting these trees, preserving wildlife habitats, maintaining biodiversity and safeguarding the visual amenity provided by the tree group.

The current application proposes significantly more extensive works than those previously sought. Consistency would suggest that the same principles should apply here.

The applicant has not demonstrated any arboricultural necessity for reducing the tree's height by 2 metres, reducing its radial spread by 2 metres and raising the canopy. These works appear to be motivated primarily by personal preference rather than any genuine need relating to the health, safety or management of the tree.

Tree Preservation Orders exist precisely to prevent the unnecessary reduction of trees that make an important contribution to the wider environment. Approving this application would undermine the purpose of the TPO and weaken the protection afforded to the remaining trees along this boundary.

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that application A/68/26/T be refused.

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



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