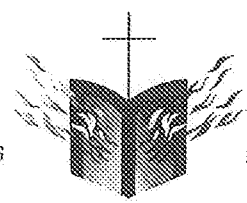


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St. Margaret's



ANGMERING

The Planning Department
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
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Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

Reduce 1 No Silver Birch
tree by no more than
5m in height & 2m
in spread

St Margaret's Church
Arundel Road
Angmering

21 May 2018
By email only (planning@arun.gov.uk)

Dear Sirs

Re: St Margaret's Angmering, Tree works (Section 211 notification)

In accordance with Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, I am writing to advise you of our intention to fell trees in the churchyard of St Margaret's Church, Angmering which lies within the conservation area.

Item 1: Trees to southern boundary

There are 45 (forty-five) western red cedar trees along the southern border (adjacent to the stream) of the churchyard which it is believed were originally planted to form a hedge. The trees are currently approximately 10-12m in height and as not yet mature likely to continue to grow considerably taller. The trees have reached sizes where they are causing problems, overhanging graves and restricting light to our neighbors. In addition to this there is evidence to suggest that the trees have previously been reduced in height and this as a result some of the trees are now forked and/or leaning dangerously, all of which poses a risk of the trees or limbs falling in high winds and which will only become a greater risk as the trees continue to grow – please see attached a report from our arboricultural consultant, Dr Martin Dobson BSc DPhil, FArborA, MEWI.

We now propose to fell all 45 western red cedar trees to the southern boundary (identified as T38-T82 on the attached drawing) together with 2no. elder trees (not shown on the drawing) to address the above issues.

For information: once the trees are felled it is proposed to plant a hedge of mixed native English species although this does not form part of this notification.

I have attached a drawing of the churchyard identifying the location of the 45 western red cedar trees in question for your information.

St Margaret's Church
Arundel Road, Angmering
West Sussex BN16 4JS



Item 2: Silver birch located to the south east corner of the car park.

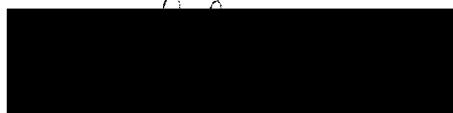
There is a mature silver birch tree in the corner of the car park which has now grown in size and partly over hangs the roof of the neighboring property interfering with television reception and also with branches very close to the chimney creating a potential fire hazard to the tree and the properties.

As with this tree previously we therefore propose to arrange for the tree to be reduced in height and spread by up to 30%, ensuring that any pruning is restricted to branches of no more than 70mm diameter.

In view of the potential safety concerns of both items we would appreciate your earliest response on this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the proposed works.

Yours sincerely



Ian Wieck
Chairman of St Margaret's Building Advisory and Action Group.



cc. Canon Mark Standen, Rector, St Margaret's Angmering
Mr James Nicholl, Churchwarden, St Margaret's Angmering



View of western red cedars from the church looking south.



View of western red cedars looking west.



View of western red cedars from western end of churchyard looking east.



Example of western red cedars overhanging grave spaces.



Example of deformed tree leaning precariously over the black ditch.



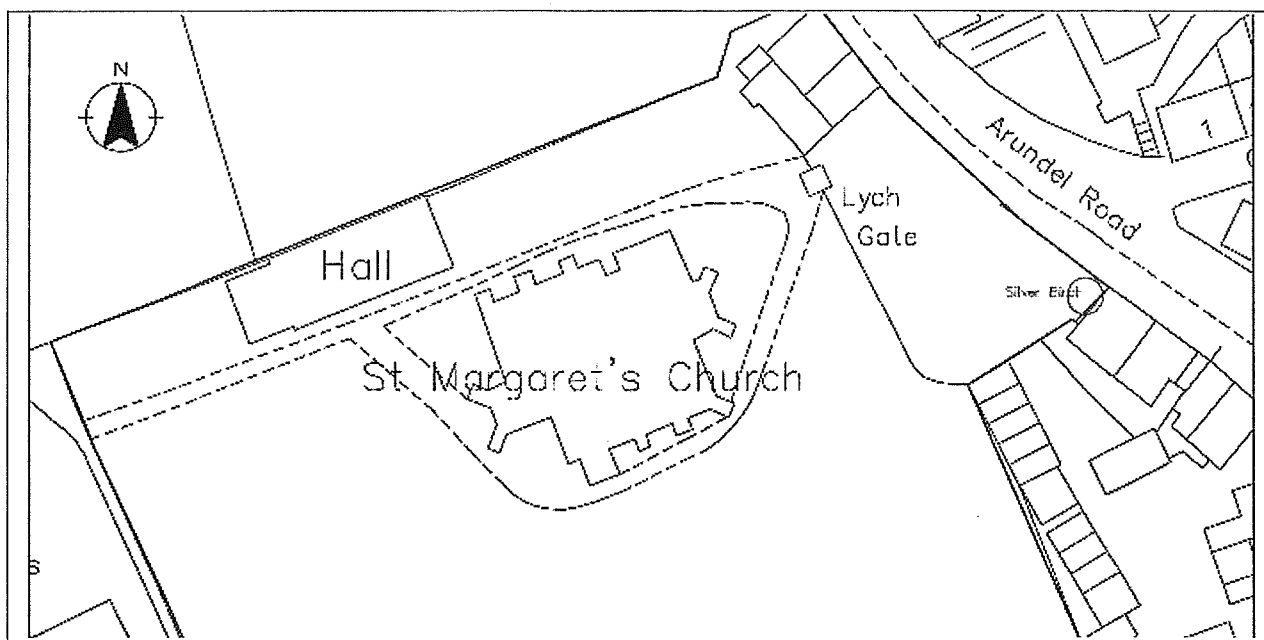
Forked stem at high level with structural risk to the tree.



Forked stem at low level with structural risk to the tree.



One of three elder trees to the centre to be felled.



Location of silver birch tree in the car park.



Silver birch tree in car park to be reduced in height and spread by approximately 30%.