

DECISION NOTICE

Application Ref: BN/42/19/T

1 To Addressee

Mrs Claire Gillett
96 Barnham Road
Bognor Regis
West Sussex
PO22 0EW

2 Site Address

96 Barnham Road
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3 Description of Development

Crown reduction by 10m to 4 No. Lime trees.

4 In pursuance of their powers under this Act and these Regulations the Council **REFUSE** consent for the operations described in the application and plan for the reasons stated.

1 The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

2 **INFORMATIVE:**

The applicant should employ the services of a tree specialist to carry out a close visual inspection of the trees. A report should be submitted as part of a new application, to justify the proposed work. Should a close inspection identify the tree(s) as posing an immediate threat of serious harm to persons or property, then action can be taken under exception from the normal application process.

Please read the following notes carefully:

What is the exception for work on dangerous trees and branches?

Where a tree presents an immediate risk of serious harm and work is urgently needed to remove that risk, tree owners or their agents must give written notice to the authority as soon as practicable after that work becomes necessary. Work should only be carried out to the extent that it is necessary to remove the risk.

In deciding whether work to a tree or branch is urgently necessary because it presents an immediate risk of serious harm, the Secretary of State's view is that there must be a present

serious safety risk. This need not be limited to that brought about by disease or damage to the tree. It is sufficient to find that, by virtue of the state of a tree, its size, its position and such effect as any of those factors have, the tree presents an immediate risk of serious harm that must be dealt with urgently. One consideration would be to look at what is likely to happen, such as injury to a passing pedestrian.

If the danger is not immediate the tree does not come within the meaning of the exception.

Where a tree is not covered by the woodland classification and is cut down because there is an urgent necessity to remove an immediate risk of serious harm, the landowner has a duty to plant a replacement tree of an appropriate size and species.

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Source: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas#dangerous-trees-and-branches>



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

Case Officer: Mr F Gardner

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Arun District Council
The Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex BN17 5LF

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT

NOTES RELATING TO APPLICATIONS TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREES

Appeals under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

If you are aggrieved by the local planning authority's decision to refuse consent, you can appeal to the Secretary of State within 28 days of the date of this notice.

Your appeal should be made on the relevant TPO (consents) appeal form obtained from the planning inspectorate. You can find the form and advice about making an appeal at <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-decision-about-tree-order>

You may also obtain a form by telephoning or writing to The Planning Inspectorate, Environment Team, Room 2/25 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN or you can e-mail: environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk

COMPENSATION

If you suffer loss or damage which is caused or incurred in consequence of this refusal of consent, you are entitled to recover from the Council compensation in respect of such loss or damage. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the First Secretary of State, within 12 months from the date of his decision). Claims should be submitted in writing to the Group Head of Planning, Arun District Council, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5LF.

Please note that this decision notice only relates to matters under the Planning Acts and does not give consent under any other legislation that may apply to the development. You will need to carry out your own checks to determine whether any other consents or permissions are required. For example, the Building Regulations are likely to apply to most developments, and a Highways Licence may be required from West Sussex County Council for any development within the public highway (including the placing of skips on highway land).