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Hi Zac

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Zac Denton
Planning Application Ref: BR/43/18/T
Location: The Scout Hut, Brent Road, Bognor Regis
Description of works: Fell 1No. Poplar tree
Reasons Given: Tree is in a hazardous condition
Comments on Application:

Hybrid black poplar *Populus x canadensis* Height: 12m Spread: 4m Age: Early mature

- With reference to the photographs provided in support of the application; I have determined the tree to be T9 as described within the Order (Ref: TPO/1/02/BR) and not T5 as suggested by the applicant.
- It appears to be in a fine physiological state. Established ivy growth and surrounding perennial vegetation has probably suppressed the development/renewal of low branches, resulting in a clear stem for approximately two thirds of its top height.
- This tree is visible from several neighbouring properties but otherwise exists in a discreet location. It has a dominant presence over an outdoor classroom area with fixed seating. There is a dense cluster of smaller native trees around this activity area.
- There are voids between prominent buttress roots and an open deep cavity at its base with evidence of significant internal decay.

Conclusions:

- There is an established high risk of catastrophic stem failure which is unacceptable for this location. This cannot be satisfactorily ameliorated with remedial pruning.
- The tree is of limited value and its removal is likely to benefit the long-term growth prospects of nearby trees more suited for this location.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for this application and see no reason on this occasion to seek a replacement planting.

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