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Development Control
Arun District Council
The Arun Civic Centre
Mattravers Road
Littlehampton
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Dear Sir,

re. BR/44/18/T

Proposed reduction to crowns no. 3 of trees
at Pagham Court 262 Hawthorn Road
I object most strongly to this application.

Context

The land parcel that is currently Pagham Court was previously semi wooded two acre site which was a valuable wildlife habitat which allowed bats, foxes, mallard, pheasants, amphibians, and a very wide variety of birds to live and breed without being disturbed. With the notable exception of some mature specimen trees around the perimeter adjacent to the road, the site was completely cleared of all

2. The area around the Alawick Road, Hawthorn Road, West Meads roundabout was before being constructed, the result of a public consultation, and happily the well thought through scheme ensured that this area retained its well wooded appearance, and it survives as a planning triumph and pleasing and important feature of the area. However this relies on all the mature trees remaining in place on and around the roundabout. Any removal or reduction in the size of trees at Paghman Court would harm the overall ambience of the area and be a significant loss of well respected amenity.
3. The trees in question are all species of oak. It is well recognized that oaks (which take many years to mature and reach their full glory,) are the host to a plethora of invertebrates and are responsible for providing a unique

other trees and vegetation. An irresponsible destruction of a valuable wildlife habitat, leaving next to nothing for indigenous wildlife, and almost completely removing many trees that were of huge amenity value.

Objection:

1. Pagham Court is a very large building and is completely out of keeping with the street scene. The remaining mature trees along the perimeter of the plot between the building and the road, do at least provide some screening of this large building. Any removal of trees or reduction in their size would diminish the effect of the current screening. This is an important point, as the mature and high trees to some extent obscure the view of Pagham Court thus reducing the opportunity to make stark comparisons with the other buildings in this part of Hawthorn Road on the north side which are all bungalows. They help to hide what many believe to be a planning error in allowing this significant change to the street scene.

and important eco system. Any interference with those trees would have an impact (of loss of habitat and wildlife and damage to eco system) that is completely undesirable

4. These remaining trees currently provide habitat for birds, and crown reduction would impact this; particularly for loss of nesting in the higher reaches
5. After the unfortunate building of Pagham Court, TPOs were established on trees in the rear gardens of all the adjacent properties in Hawthorn Road to prevent further removal of trees and loss of amenity and habitat, and this blanket cover of TPOs links with the TPO trees at Pagham Court as part of an overall tree retention plan
6. Establishing TPOs is not without reason and recognises the significant amenity value that

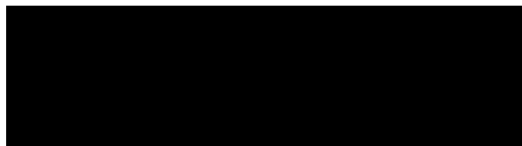
trees provide to the community, and recognise that TPO trees are worthy of retention in full. As such unless there is exceptional and undisputed reason, they should be left as is.

7. If the a Tree has a TPO, the ones should remain with anyone who wishes to remove or reduce it, as to why this should be allowed to happen. The ones should not be with others to argue why TPO trees should be retained. The status quo should remain.

8. There would appear to be no obvious reason why it would be considered necessary to reduce the crowns of these trees. And even if there were, a reduction of 4 metres for two of them would be extremely excessive. It would not appear necessary to take this action for the health of the trees.

9. These trees (as per application) are an important part of a wider mature tree scheme which together provides visual benefit and huge amenity value to the community as well as a very attractive and pleasing "gateway" into Bognor Regis. All of the trees in this area should be retained in their full and uninterfered form. I object to this application

Yours sincerely



Mrs B. Hammond.

Please acknowledge