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Sent: 13 April 2015 12:20
To: Planning
Subject: Re: BR/53/15/T Felling of an Oak Tree at 31 Nelson Road

Dear Lisa

Here are our comments on the following:

Reference BR/53/15/T

Location 31 Nelson Road Bognor Regis

The felling of any Oak Tree is never a desirable or positive outcome. Each such tree harbours an entire micro environment that supports many living organisms and so is great for our overall environment.

For context, this immediate area was noted in the last air survey as having a very good number of trees and greenery. However in the few years since then, apart from some more native trees having been identified as deserving preservation orders, there have also been very many more trees cut down, to the south of us, to the east of us, and now it seems to the west of us. From being in a tree rich area we now find ourselves with views in all directions dominated by other houses.

The Oak in question is near the junction of three gardens, but its centre is in 31 Nelson Road's garden (our immediate neighbours to the west). We understand that there is some disease within a part of the tree, but are also aware that the oak species has remarkable ability to regenerate and indeed outlive such problems, especially when the disease is treated or cut away by tree surgeons and the wound treated.

We are not convinced that this path of action has been considered sufficiently in this case. We are far from convinced by the suggestion that it could fall and so damage the neighbouring houses, and would only be convinced by a report that states this and was prepared by an expert, preferably after a second independent opinion.

We would hope to see a report on this tree by a skilled tree expert and tree surgeon. This could include alternatives to its destruction, such as maintaining its beneficial environment by cutting it back (so that no great damage could result were it to fall(!)), possibly - in extremis - as far as totemising it. The oak has not been shifted in the slightest by the very high winds we have experienced, either recently or indeed when we were struck by the tornado and typhoon-like event many years ago.

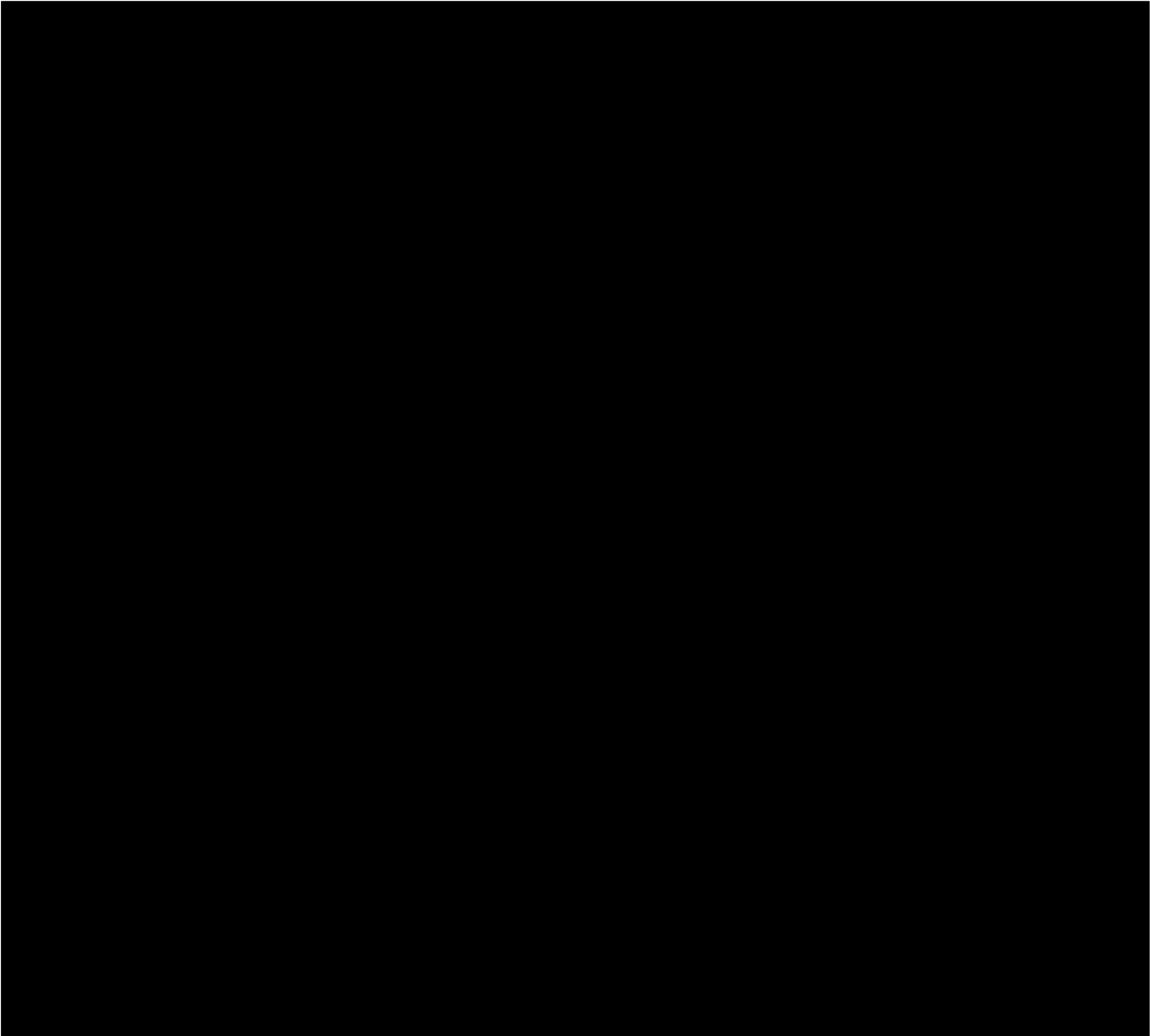
Unless we make every effort to preserve our great trees in a decade or so we believe that this leafy suburban setting will become an urban desert.

We look forward to hearing more from you on this matter.

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Note: Our neighbours to the west inherited a mature garden with several trees and shrubs, but now just have this oak tree and a single holly tree in the same corner of the plot. They have not planted any trees to our knowledge nor expressed any wish to do so.



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