

9th September 2026

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Application No: FG/83/26/T
Site Address: 48 Langbury Lane Ferring BN12 6QA
Description of works: Fell 1 no. Weeping Willow (T1).

Thank you for your internet representation made on 9th September 2026 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC86709

Ferring Parish Council object to this application to fell a weeping willow.

We would suggest that every effort is made to avoid the felling of this mature Weeping Willow. The owners should consider giving the tree a good crown reduction/crop, including the removal of the branch referenced in the tree report. This would be similar to the management carried out in 2018. Refer to the previous planning application FG/118/18 for details.

The tree appears to be a considerable distance from the owners' property and is not situated in an area that is readily accessible to the public. As such, the risks associated with the tree appear to be relatively low and could potentially be managed through appropriate ongoing maintenance.

It is important to emphasise that the purpose of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is to preserve the tree and, importantly, the habitat and wider benefits it provides for wildlife and nature.

As an example, we refer to the beautiful specimen situated in the corner of Singleton Crescent in Ferring. This tree has been managed, trimmed and reduced over the years and remains in excellent health and condition. It demonstrates that a mature tree can be successfully managed without the need for removal.

Felling should therefore be considered only as a last possible course of action, once all reasonable options for management have been explored.

In our view, this Weeping Willow has potentially many decades of life remaining and every effort should be

made to retain it through appropriate management rather than resorting to felling.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments on the website. The website is updated once a day in the evening so it may take up to 24 hours for it appear on there. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at :<https://www.arun.gov.uk/what-happens-next>.

Some applications will be determined by the Planning Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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