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Your Ref: OWPC19674
Our Ref: LU/186/18/TC 06-07-2018
Please ask for:
Miss C Burrows

20th August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice

Fell 1No. Oak within Littlehampton Sea Front conservation area.
15 A Western Road Littlehampton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 17th August 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I wish to register an objection to this planning application to fell a mature Oak tree adjacent to 15A Western Road Littlehampton BN17 5NP.

*An article featured in The Guardian Online on the 27th of June 2018 displayed the following headline:
THERE IS NO OAK LEFT: ARE BRITAINS TREES DISAPPEARING?*

The first national tree champion is charged with reversing the fortunes of the country's woodlands and beleaguered urban trees.

Oak trees provide a habitat rich in biodiversity; they support more life forms than any other native trees. They host hundreds of species of insect, supplying many British birds with an important food source. In autumn mammals such as badgers and deer take advantage of the falling acorns.

The soft leaves of English oaks breakdown with ease in autumn and form a rich leaf mould beneath the tree, supporting invertebrates and numerous fungi. Holes and crevices in the tree bark are perfect nesting spots. Several British bat species may also roost in old woodpecker holes or under loose bark, as well as feeding on the rich supply of insects in the tree canopy.

England is losing more and more of its Oak trees. This is a tree upon which our country was built providing in the past wood for building houses and being the primary building material for naval vessels of old.

The urban environment is in desperate need of more tree and this Oak has taken anything up to one hundred years or more to reach its majestic stature. Trees clean the atmosphere for us and this Oak tree as well as supporting an amazing range of wildlife adds character and majesty to this historic part of Littlehampton.

We need to be planting more trees and should not be considering felling such a mature and mighty tree that has seen so much history pass by and brings such beauty to the area.

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has

been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. If a complaint is received that permission has not been given for comments included about a third party, the Council reserves the right to redact/remove all relevant information. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the file, please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed, although this does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Neil Crowther
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