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Your Ref: OWPC19713
Our Ref: LU/186/18/TC 06-07-2018
Please ask for:
Miss C Burrows

22nd 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 21st August 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

Planning reference number: LU/186/18/TC

Date of closure 28th August 2018

Re the above application: Has ownership and responsibility for the oak tree been positively established? I seem to recall, some years ago, previous owners seeking such information and believed it not to be theirs.

The Planning Department's tree officer is not objecting to its felling but I, like many in this community, do object and ask that the application be refused. It is the last tree standing in Selborne and deserves our respect and protection from wanton destruction. I am aware that many local and not so local residents have outlined specific reasons for objecting and I echo those fully.

The garage in question was built long after the oak tree, which is likely to be over 100 years old, and it may well have been planted for some historical reference such as a boundary marker.

Surely there is no urgency to fell the tree, unless the applicant has other plans for the garage and the site. The garage in question is scruffy, unused and in any event, the access is clear.

Politicians of all persuasions and environmentalist alike are asking for more tree planting and greater care taken of existing stock and it is ADC's responsibility to respond to that and not add to the destruction. Should the tree be found to need expert attention including lopping, the local residents are willing to help raise funds for the work rather than see the removal of the tree.

Surely the best outcome for all concerned would be to do some work on the tree, as outlined by the tree officer, and then left a couple of years to sort itself out one way or the other. In other words, let the tree decide its fate. This is a conservation area so, ADC, please lead the way by conserving!

I would like to protest the felling of this old oak tree in the strongest possible terms.

Respectfully

Chris Adam Smith

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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

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