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Your Ref: OWPC19752
Our Ref: LU/186/18/TC 06-07-2018
Please ask for:
Miss C Burrows

24th August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning 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 23rd August 2018 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

I live a few yards away from this tree and walk along the pavement underneath it daily. This tree is in a dangerous condition with dead branches overhanging the road and footpath. Unfortunately, the tree has suffered years of neglect with ivy growing all over it and a lack of any pruning maintenance. Hence it is in the state it's in.

While I agree that we should be keeping trees in our urban landscapes, particularly Oak trees which are few and rare, this desire should not override the need for public safety.

I note that the majority of those writing in favour of keeping the Oak tree are not resident in Selborne Road, where the tree is actually located. In the event the tree were to come down and cause damage and injury, it's unlikely that those supporting keeping it would be impacted as we would be in Selborne Road.

I have read the Tree Officer's report and he describes the tree as being beyond being saved, this is also supported by the applicant's tree surgeon who describes the tree as being in a dangerous state. While I am a qualified tree surgeon, I was. up until recently, the proprietor of one of the largest Garden Maintenance companies in the area and it's clear to me that this tree in it's current state and position poses a danger to the public.

I note also that one correspondent writes in favour on keeping the tree and represents the East Beach Residents Association. It's important to point out that the East Beach Residents Association does not include Selborne Road where the tree is located. This letter can wrongly give the impression that this association represents the views of those of us living in Selborne Road.

Whatever the decision regarding the future of this tree, it must be made with public safety a priority.

Paul Power

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
Group Head of Planning