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Subject: Planning application number M/45/20/T

Dear Sir / Madam

Application No: M/45/20/T

Site Address: 4 Lavender Close Middleton On Sea West Sussex PO22 6SP

Description of works: Reduce Lateral spread of 1 No Oak Tree – T7 to 6.5m overhanging applicants property.

With reference to the following objection raised by Mr J Lake – Middleton Parish Council OWQC28864.

Regarding Point 1. (The tree is some 120-150 Years Old and in good shape, well rounded and of great amenity value.

The tree is very healthy as we have looked after it carefully in the 22 years we have lived here (since the house was first built). We have previously undertaken similar works in 2002 under an approved planning application (M/54/02/T) and the continued health and growth of the tree is testament to the quality of the work done in 2002.

In terms of 'amenity value' protecting and enhancing natural resources – the tree has certainly enhanced our quality of life over the last 22 years and we only seek to perform the minimum work required to protect the tree and protect our property from damage.

Regarding point 2. (Current proposal to remove some branches will have a detrimental effect on the overall health of the tree).

There is a health and safety issue to consider. Since 2002 the branches have grown to the extent that when it is windy, the branches are hitting the house. This winter, two major branches broke off in heavy wind. We need to be mindful that the lateral spread of the tree means that this will continue to be a safety issue until branches are trimmed back. Referring back to point 1, the previous approved work completed in 2002 has had no detrimental effect on the health of the tree whatsoever and it continues to flourish.

I'm disappointed with Middleton On Sea Parish Council's comments on a tree that they have never seen and the assumptions made about it.

Yours sincerely

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