

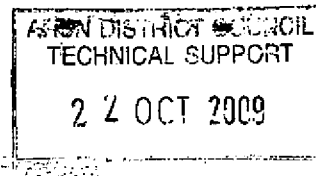
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21 October 2009

Dear Sir,

**Planning Application WA/61/09T – Cedar Cottage, Wandleys Lane
Reduction of Oak tree by 45%**

This Council has carefully considered the above application and wishes to register an **objection**.

This is in line with the advice from the Council's Tree Warden following a site inspection, as quoted below –

I had a look at the tree on Saturday although there was no-one in. I had no phone number so could not make an appointment and have now left a message as yet unanswered.

The tree is right against the SW boundary so I spoke to the neighbour who might have complained but she had not inspected the orange notice and I got the impression she would not favour major work although the tree overhangs their property.

It is difficult to know which 45% they want to take off - lower branches, top, or all over but it is a major change and I could see no obvious good reason to do this.

Without a major compelling reason I would say work to this extent should not be allowed. That corner of the parish contains some of its finest trees – nearly all oaks - and the precedent of allowing beheading would not be good policy.