Date: Fri, 10 Oct 2025 at 09:59
Subject: RE: Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0698/25
To: <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Sergeant
I have studied the revised planning application that you refer to in your email to me dated 29.09.2025. I am pleased that the application now just refers to two trees and the extent of the crown lifting has been reduced from 5m to 2m for tree T1 (at front of 41 Oakgates with branches above 39 Toby Carvery) and from 5m to 4m for tree T3 (at rear of Oakgates with branches over an area used by Toby Carvery for waste disposal). I'm surprised that the application still does not state why the trees need crown lifting and the rational for 2m and 4m.
My concern still is that for any crown lifting there is a risk that it can cause the entire tree to die. For environmental and aesthetic reasons that would be very sad.
My initial comments below referred to tree T1 as an oak as the proposed contractor, Ground Control, stated it was an oak. I note that tree T1 is now referred to as "Tree of Heaven" but looking at the tree I do not think it is either Tree of Heaven or an Oak Tree. Can you please obtain an independent check by a knowledgeable person on the type of tree to ensure that an irreversible planning decision is based on accurate information.

I look forward to your response
Kind regards
Stephen Smith
PS I'm glad the proposed ivy cutting has been dropped – I think the ivy covered telegraph pole actually adds a bit of character to the area.