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Subject: Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0066/24

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 16/02/2024 11:49 AM from Mrs B James.

Application Summary

Address:	47 Southwick Street Southwick West Sussex BN42 4TH
Proposal:	Application for consent under Adur Tree Preservation Order No.2 of 2023 to reduce crown to a height of 7 to 8 metres, and associated works to Holm Oak trees T1 and T2
Case Officer:	Jeremy Sergeant

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Customer Details

Name:	Mrs B James
Address:	34 Southwick Street, Southwick, Brighton, West Sussex BN42 4TG

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Other - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I am writing to support the application for the reduction in height of two holm oak trees T1 and T2 under TPO No 2 of 2023 at 47 Southwick Street Southwick. I fully support the reduction in height and associated work to these trees. I was in full support of their removal and replacement with

semi mature trees which would have provided more bio diversity in the area under (AWDM/0623/23).

T1 and T2 encroach on other people's property and completely overhang the car park of the Mind Centre next door to the South. Buses and lorries violently smack into the branches overhanging Southwick Street which is a danger to passengers, traffic and pedestrians. There are branches hanging from the tree that have been damaged by the wind but have not broken off, which are dying and these could easily snap off in further high winds and are a danger to passing traffic and pedestrians as mentioned.

I note that T1 has a significant cavity and that the tree is diseased which is a cause for concern as this tree could fall in any high winds, particularly as this tree has grown largely to the south due to strong competition from the neighbouring trees.

The trees being non deciduous, drop leaves all year round. I regularly clear the road of leaves outside my house (34 Southwick Street) to prevent the groundwater drain blocking. Additionally, I remove the leaves from these trees which obscure the double yellow lines outside my house, which causes issues with people parking illegally.

I note from the planning application that the trees are the cause of significant damp within the property which is mentioned within the conservation area as being of special architectural and historic interest and that these trees are causing "accelerated degeneration" of the property. If the trees were significantly reduced or removed (and replaced by something more suitable) this would eliminate this problem. (For interest there are at least 11 Holm Oaks within 100 meters of these at No. 47 so removal or reduction would not cause any great destruction of habitat. I have lived here for 28 years and never once have there been nests in the trees.) Additionally the Arbriocultural Society Report states that the trees are not specifically mentioned in the Conservation Area document unlike the property.

Finally, a reduction in height would greatly improve the light entering my property which at present, is obscured even at the height of summer and is made worse in winter as the trees are evergreen. A reduction would substantially increase the wellbeing of my family.
Beverly James

Kind regards