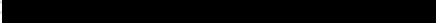


Re: Dangerous, Leaning Wall – 2 Hall Avenue (Your Ref: 3837343)



Niki Peters

To  'WSCChighways@westsussex.gov.uk'

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Dear Highways Team,

I am writing further to your letter dated 31 March 2026 and to follow up on my telephone conversation with your team on Thursday 2 April regarding the leaning boundary wall at 2 Hall Avenue.

I would like to clarify the chronology and current position, as this issue has been proactively raised and is already in progress.

A planning application seeking consent to fell the sycamore tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order was submitted on 24 February 2026, prior to receipt of your letter. Within that application, I explicitly identified the wall's condition and raised concerns regarding public safety due to its proximity to the public footway on Offington Avenue.

The underlying cause of the wall's failure is the tree's root system and trunk. As previously discussed, it is not practicable to repair or reinstate the wall while the tree remains in situ, as any works would be temporary and would not address the root cause of the risk.

The planning application details are as follows:

Planning Portal Reference: PP-14732051

We have been made aware by the Tree Officer at Worthing Borough Council (jeremy.sergeant@adur-worthing.gov.uk) that he does not currently support the application. This places me in a position where permanent remediation of the wall is dependent on the outcome of the planning process rather than any lack of action on my part.

I remain willing and ready to proceed with removal of the tree and immediate repair or reconstruction of the wall should consent be granted, or to comply with any alternative solution formally agreed through the planning process. In the meantime, I continue to monitor the wall's condition and will notify you immediately should there be any deterioration requiring interim measures.

I wanted to ensure that Highways are aware that this matter is actively being pursued, that public safety concerns were raised proactively by me, and that the current delay relates to planning constraints rather than inaction.

Please let me know if you require any further information for your records while the planning decision is pending.

Best regards

Niki Peters

2 Hall Avenue