1, Newmans Gardens
Sompting
LANCING
West Sussex
BN15 0BD
16th May 2010

Planning Department
Adur District Council
Civic Centre
Ham Road
SHOREHAM
West Sussex
BN43 6PR

Dear Sir/ Madam REF ADC 0103/10

I am writing in regard to the planning application reference above to remove two trees and roots from the entrance to St Mary's Church Sompting.

I wish to register my opposition to this application on the following grounds

- The trees are over 40 years old and are an established feature of the entrance to the Church.
- They provide welcome shelter from the elements especially for elderly people as they recover from their climb up Church Lane. They also provide shade in the summer.
- They also provide protection for the Lych-Gate. Without them the structure would be severely affected by the strong winds and driving rain.
- The decision to want to remove them with their roots seems extreme when the skills of a tree surgeon could lower them so that they do not interfere with any cables above.

As a Council which has invested a lot of money in tree preservation and tree wardens I would hope that the extreme measure of removing them is rejected.
No matter what was planted in place of these trees it would take many years to replace them and it seems an unnecessary expenditure given that the trees are so beautiful.

I thank you for the opportunity to register my objection and sincerely hope the ambience of the Church grounds is maintained.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]

J. C. Crompton

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20 MAY 2010