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Dear Mr Peck,

16th June 2023

Ref AWDM/0748/23

I am in receipt of your communication of the 23rd inst. In which you refer to a proposed felling of an extremely old and well established tree, namely a holm oak growing in the garden of No. 19 Offington Lane, Worthing. If it is the tree I am thinking of, I am surprised that you are even open to the suggestion that it should be removed. It is a wonderful old tree and is part of Worthing's natural heritage and is home to many species of wildlife, which I thought in the general consensus of things, was to be encouraged and not totally done away with. I was led to believe that it is in fact a protected tree. It provides shade, is certainly not a

hazard for pedestrians and when it comes to noise, I can advise you that the inhabitants of the said property are guilty of producing that, as they hold many a party with loud music and drunken singing well into the night, knowing that elderly people live next door to them

Also if the tree were to be felled it would cause the most dreadful disruption to the walkway where I live, as its roots grow deep into the earth and half of our path would be destroyed. As a result of this, no-one here living in the retirement apartments of Guardian Court would be able to use the short cut, until it was repaired, causing great additional inconvenience. The rights of these elderly council tax payers should be considered!

I strongly object to this proposition and want it known that it would be a mini eco disaster, if the tree was to be removed. Replacing it with a small sapling is not going to help the wildlife within the immediate future and it seems like a get out clause for the inhabitants of no 19, who are definitely ignorant of the importance of oxygen giving life forms that add to the natural beauty of our town.

Yours sincerely,

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Crystella Poupard