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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0223

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 06/02/2026 7:45 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	7 The Timbers East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 1NH
Proposal:	Horse Chestnut - Fell
Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher

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Customer Details

Address:	20 The Stennings East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	The tree in question is a native Horse Chestnut as per the First Schedule to the Tree Preservation Order and was last trimmed in 2011 to maintain "its obvious visual amenity value" according to EGDC planning portal. Further, the application to fell requires written arboriculture advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert. The supporting statement provided to the council on 29/01/26 looks to be a screenprint from a mobile but doesn't show suitable professional evidence has been added within the application DM/26/0223.
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It states there is bleeding and heavy decay, but felling is not the only option. Alternatives include cabling, bracing (as per the Cedar tree nearby) or soil treatment which would all preserve the tree's health and safety. There is some suggestion of root rot which has symptoms of stunted growth (not visible given the trees mature shape) yellowing of leaves (its winter and a deciduous tree so any leaves present at inspection would be yellow at this time of the year.)

I also doubt a previous lightning strike as there is a mature Cedar tree next to 22 The Stennings which is taller and would have received such strikes in the locality. Therefore, I believe the supporting evidence lacks credibility given it doesn't not appear to be provided by a professional service.

When the property was built, EGDC approved the siting of 7 The Timbers while preserving the mature chestnut. The tree is home to various wildlife, Owls, Woodpeckers, Rooks, and other smaller species of birds and its loss to the native birds in the area would clearly be a concern to any bird lover. The tree also absorbs significant amounts of precipitation which if the tree was removed might lead to saturation of nearby land.

Finally the letter on how to comment on the application has a typo which makes it more difficult to register, I believe www.midsussex.gov.uk/planningregister should have a second s in Sussex.

In any event, this application should be refused

Kind regards