

7 Ridgeway
East Grinstead
West Sussex
RH19 4BW

12th January 2026

Objection to proposed replacement garage/extension
at The Nest, 8 Ridgeway, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 4BW

Application reference DM/26/0010 Proposed attached garage

Dear Ms Axford

I wish to formally object to the above planning application on the grounds that the proposed development poses a serious threat to the health and stability of a mature tree on my property, located close to the shared boundary. Also a mature laurel hedge runs right along this boundary which also risks impact.

The tree in question is a mature Sweetgum tree situated approximately 1.4 metres from the boundary with the applicants property. The trunk has a measured circumference of 81 cms which equates to a diameter of 25.8 cms. Based on industry standard guidelines, the tree has a root protection area (RPA) of 3.1 metres which extends well into the footprint of the proposed extension.

Excavation and groundwork in this area would most certainly sever critical structural and feeder roots potentially leading to –

Long term decline or death of the tree

Instability, creating a risk to nearby structures or persons

A significant loss of residential amenity, privacy and wildlife habitat/

No tree consultant assessment has been provided with the application nor is there evidence of mitigation to protect the RPA

Given the proximity and maturity of the tree, I respectfully request that the Council's tree officer be consulted before any decision is made and that an independent tree survey and impact assessment by a qualified tree consultant is carried out in accordance with BS5837:2012

I strongly urge the council to refuse this application in its current form, or at minimum defer any decision until a proper tree specialist impact assessment has been carried out.

Kind regards

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