

Liz Everest

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 October 2025 17:27
To: Irene Fletcher
Subject: Re: DM/25/1407: FELLING LARGE PINE TREE

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Hello Irene,
We've just received another Planning Application (DM/25/2653) to fell the pine tree at 7 Orchid Park. My original comments below are still valid, so would you please take them in respect of the above Application. Thanks.
Best regards,

On 9 Jun 2025, at 09:16, George Cox <georgecox42@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Irene,
Thank you for calling the other day to discuss the above Planning Application. The tree in question is positioned directly between the rear of our house (2 The Rushes) and the gable end of 7 Orchid Park. It is a very large and, in our opinion, magnificent pine tree the vista of which we have enjoyed for the 32 years we have been living here (the attached picture is taken from our back garden). As you know, there are many ecological benefits of a large pine tree including carbon absorption and the release of oxygen helping to mitigate climate change and reduce greenhouse gasses. Also, a pine tree of this size will have deep roots that help stabilise the soil, which may be a consideration in relation to the fairly close proximity of the pond behind numbers 3, 4 and 5 The Rushes.

It is for these reasons we would not like the tree to be felled. That said, we would of course not object to its removal if it poses a significant and genuine safety risk to people and property. You mentioned that KPS, the tree specialists, had submitted the Planning Application. Hopefully, they will have provided hard evidence to support felling the tree but, even so, I would respectfully ask that consideration be given to any mitigating action that could be applied to at least save part of the tree. I know you will be visiting the site in the near future and we hope, when you see the tree, you will agree to the desirability of saving it or part of it if at all possible. I would greatly appreciate, if you have the time, a call or message to advise us of your decision in due course.
Best regards,