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To: "Emma Rivett" <emma.rivett@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 15/09/2025 3:55 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Holt 78 High Street Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 2HP
Proposal:	(T1) Copper Beech Tree - Remove the 4 lowest branches that overhang 34 Dukes Road
Case Officer:	Emma Rivett

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Customer Details

Address:	The Holt, 78 High Street Lindfield Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	We oppose this application to remove four branches from our copper beech tree at the rear of our garden, located at 78 High Street, Lindfield, within the conservation area. We disagree that removing branches on one side of the tree would prevent leaves from falling into the applicant's garden and onto the roof of his shed. The only solution to this issue would be to reconsider the placement of the shed.

Given its age, size, and location in the conservation area, the tree enhances Lindfield village's charm, provides a significant habitat for local wildlife, and should be preserved. When in leaf, the copper beech creates a beautiful, atmospheric canopy for pedestrians on the twitten. It can also be viewed from the cricket pitch on Lindfield Common, looking up towards All Saints Church. Cutting branches from the tree would damage these environmental benefits and possibly compromise the tree's stability and health.

Notably, in his original planning application dated 11 April 2025, which was later withdrawn, the applicant claimed there was a safety concern and that the tree might be diseased. This was submitted after we informed him that Sussex Tree Surgeons visited our property on 8 March 2025 to inspect the tree and confirmed it is in perfect health, with no dead wood, and poses no safety risk.

Kind regards