

## Beth Howland-Smith

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**To:** Beth Howland-Smith  
**Subject:** The Rectory, Church Lane, Ardingly

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Application No: DM/26/2210

I would like to support this application in its entirety.

As background I should say that I have met with the applicant, The Diocese of Chichester, and their tree consultant on site. We had constructive discussions where I was able to point out that T2 and T4 well exceeded all the limits referred to under High Hedges disputes. We have been aware of this for some years but out of respect for the Rector, since retired, who valued privacy, the matter was not pressed until the current Inter Regnum when the Rectory is vacant. These trees T2 have been topped and trimmed on occasion in the past but this has left them unshapely, bare in large parts and overgrown in ivy. It is time for them to be felled.

I also pointed out the dead ash T5 and/or T7, also heavily infested with ivy, which was a danger to the neighbouring property.

The tree works proposed are long overdue, after a long period of neglect, and therefore this application should be approved and the works carried out as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully,

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