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Ref: DM/25/2144

Dear Ms Rivett,

I write to formally object to our neighbour's planning application to remove branches from the copper beech tree at the rear of the garden of 78 High Street, Lindfield.

I object to each element of the application as follows:

- 1 - The applicant previously submitted DM/25/0995 to remove 3 branches from the tree due to disease. Expert opinion proved the tree was perfectly healthy so there is no need to intervene if the health and safety risk has been disproven.
- 2 - This subsequent application DM25/0995 increases the number of branches to be removed to 4 from 3 but no reason is provided for this.
- 3 - The current application states that the tree 'considerably overhangs' the twitten and the applicant's garden. As a regular user of the twitten I disagree that the tree impacts the use of the twitten in any way. The branches are high and In fact the existing tree branches reduce the erosion of the twitten by heavy rain. The photographs from the applicant's garden of the overhanging branches do not 'unduly intrude' given they are significantly above the height of the garden and any buildings in the garden.
- 4 - The applicant mentions debris on the roof of his garden shed from the overhanging branches. Standard, regular, garden outbuilding maintenance such as a regular brush of the shed roof, or re-positioning of the shed would be less impactful solutions for the tree and the village.
- 5 - The applicant states the tree interferes with and shades his garden plants. Gardens need to consider location and surroundings in their design so I would suggest that appropriate planting for beds that are located near the fence and trees would help in that regard. The removal of decades old, probably century old branches to accommodate low level, recent flower beds seems excessive.

6 - This magnificent copper beech is inside the conservation area and as such should be treated as a significant asset to Lindfield village. It has stood far longer than the gardens of Dukes Road have existed and it should be treated with respect by its neighbours and the council authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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