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To: "Anna Tidey" <anna.tidey@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: DM/24/2263 Lake House, Old Hollow, Copthorne

Dear Anna,

I have reviewed the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement, including Tree Protection Plan for this proposal.

I note the category C oak (T4) is to be removed and it is stated that the removal of this tree could be mitigated through new planting elsewhere on the site. I disagree with this, as a mature (potentially veteran tree) would have a high ecological value that would take years for a newly planted tree to reach that level of ecological value. Is it necessary to remove this mature oak tree? Could it not be left as a monolith, to retain the ecological value? As this tree has been categorised as a category C, I could not object to the application but would like to see it retained in some form. It would be disappointing to lose it.

Kind regards

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