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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 28/03/2026 1:44 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	2 Glendyne Close East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4NP
Proposal:	Pine - Remove seven lowest secondary branches back to trunk.
Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher

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Customer Details

Address:	4 Glendyne Close East Grinstead
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Supporting Statement - Planning Application for Crown Lifting of Corsican Pine I am writing in support of my neighbour's application to remove the lower branches (crown lifting) of the Corsican pine at 2 Glendyne Close. I believe this is a reasonable and responsible request that deserves approval. This is a significant and visually prominent tree. My neighbours' previous application to reduce its height was refused, and while I respect that decision, I feel it is important that some form of

approved maintenance be permitted. Refusing all works on a TPO-protected tree is not without risk - denying owners any means of managing a large tree over many years can lead to deferred problems that are ultimately more damaging to the tree's long-term survival and safety than carefully managed, incremental work.

Corsican pines are fast-growing and can become structurally unstable if left entirely unmanaged.

Crown lifting is one of the least invasive arboricultural interventions available. It does not affect the tree's overall form, canopy, or the amenity value that the TPO exists to protect. It can in fact benefit the tree by improving air circulation at the base, reducing the risk of fungal infections, and allowing light to the surrounding ground. It also addresses legitimate practical concerns around access, light, and safety at ground level.

TPO guidance from the government recognises that doing nothing is not always the safest option. A well-maintained tree is generally more resilient than one that has been left entirely untouched for years.

I hope that Mid Sussex will consider this application in a positive light, as approving considered and professionally supervised maintenance is preferable to a situation where neglect - enforced by blanket refusal - leads to a more serious problem down the line.

Kind regards