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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/25/0633
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/04/2025 11:22 AM.

Application Summary

Address:	Plot 3 New House Threals Lane West Chiltington West Sussex RH20 2RF
Proposal:	Fell 1x Oak
Case Officer:	Andrew Bush

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Customer Details

Address:	Spring Wood House Threals Lane West Chiltington

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	We wish to object to the application to fell a mature British Oak tree at this property. Since the strip of land on Threals Lane (formerly known as Chilton Pig Farm) was divided into building plots, we have seen the loss of a great many mature trees and the destruction of wildlife habitat. Residents of Threals Lane had taken some comfort in the fact that all the remaining mature trees in this area of development had

been covered by TPO's and were therefore, or so we thought, exempt from the threat of future loss.

Preserving the rural aesthetics of this beautiful part of West Chiltington village is only possible if all residents, both new and old, respect their surroundings and adhere to the protection orders which cover our mature trees and areas inhabited by wildlife, some of which are critically endangered.

The tree which is the subject of this application is a mature British Oak and is a significant feature in the local landscape. Having already lost so many mature trees in the immediate vicinity of the house due to the development/planned development of adjacent building plots, it is concerning to think that yet another may be lost simply at the request of the new homeowner because he finds its location on his lawn inconvenient and, at certain times of the day or year, causes some shading to the house.

Many residents along Threals Lane have mature trees within their property boundaries which cause shading of garden and house alike. This is what you get if you choose to purchase a home in this charming, semi-rural location. The trees and woods on and around Threals Lane are a significant contributing factor to the appeal of living here.

To remove TPO's covering mature trees without a very significant or valid reason would make a mockery of the rationale behind HDC's original intention which was to preserve and protect the remaining mature trees in this particular area of development on Threals Lane.

We are given to understand that one or two other mature trees at this property may already have been felled without prior consent from HDC. We would hope that should this prove to be the case, HDC will ensure that the homeowner is required to plant new mature trees as replacements for those removed without permission.

Please could you also take the opportunity to remind the homeowner and his/her contractors of their obligations in terms of planning conditions, restrictions and consents relating to garden development. In particular, the requirement for low-level exterior lighting, given this is a 'dark sky' area, and the need to observe the designated protection zone for the endangered Hazel Dormice in the private woodland to the rear of the property.

We hope that HDC will give due consideration to these points and refuse this application.

Kind regards

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