

Timberdown
Harborough Drive
West Chiltington
Pulborough
West Sussex
RH20 2PN

17th February 2026

Dear Sir,

This letter forms part of the application for tree/hedge works (a, b and c noted below) to be carried out at our home in Timberdown, Harborough Drive, West Chiltington, RH20 2PN. The tree/hedges are subject to TPOs.

- a) Oak Tree – T7 in TPO 1115 - No tree surgery works has been carried out to this oak tree since 2016. I wish to have all branches reduced by approximately 2.5 meters. The surgery would be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon and in accordance with BS 3998. See photo emailed separately to Trees@Horsham.gov.uk. Mr Andrew Bush is already aware of this request and has in principle agreed to it.
- b) Holly “Hedge” – G1 in TPO 1115 - To reduce one holly tree to just above ground level and replant a replacement. See photos emailed separately to Trees@Horsham.gov.uk Mr Andrew Bush is already aware of this request and has in principle agreed to it.
- c) Holly “Hedge” – G1 in TPO 1115.

I have emailed several photographs and videos of this holly “hedge” to Trees@Horsham.gov.uk wherein you will see it has been neglected for many years.

The “hedge” consists of many tree trunks some as large as 15” in diameter and some as small as 4” in diameter. Because there has been no proper management of the “hedge” most of the growth is from the top and many of the laterals are longer than the trees are tall. These laterals are now so close to the ground they are likely to take root below. If this is allowed to happen the holly is likely to give all its growing resources to establishing new trees which would in turn weaken the parent tree.

The lack of management of this “hedge” has resulted in saplings being allowed to grow in the adjoining field and these saplings can be many meters in height.

Another example of the lack of management of this hedge is its branches which have been allowed to grow in excess of 4 metres - such mismanagement must surely weaken the parent plant.

Your records will undoubtedly show 7 spindly holly stems, within TOP 1115 were reduced in size in March 2025. Just 11 months later these spindles are now bushing out in width and have grown by more than a metre in height. With the addition of the new holly bushes we have planted this is now on its way to becoming a proper boundary which can be referred to as a hedge.

Neighbouring properties to Timberdown, namely Woodlands and Oakdene have both been allowed to reduce and trim back their holly hedges to 10ft and 6.5ft so they are now maintained as a proper, healthy thriving holly hedge which is of benefit to the occupiers of the properties and an amenity to the local environment.

What I would like to create is a holly hedge similar to my neighbours that is healthy, vigorous, properly managed and a benefit and amenity to the environment instead of a "holly hedge" that has been ignored for too many years and resulted in what there is now "a line of trees of modest amenity merit".

We have already in-filled the gaps within the "hedge" with 20 holly trees of over 1 metre height to show our intention to create a holly hedge similar to our neighbours.

We would therefore request permission to reduce the holly hedge to a level that would encourage growth at the base without distressing the parent plant. I would therefore request the trees are reduced in height in this setting to leave the end height of the hedge at 3 metres or lower if possible.

Yours sincerely,

