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Horsham District Council
Fell 1x Oak
Ref. DC/24/1673

Sirs,
Further to receipt of the notification of the above application I wish to express our concern at the proposal to totally remove the oak tree.
After review of the submitted report i question the requirement to totally destroy this tree which has considerable ecological value and an enhancement to the area. Perhaps an independent second opinion would be prudent considering that the report states this tree has “reasonable vigour”. The resistance drilling appears to show areas of rotten wood within the trunk of the tree but perhaps a PiCUS tomography test as carried out by Alan Gale Tree Consultancy or similar specialist in the area if also carried out would provide a much clearer picture from which a heavy pruning could be planned and executed. Having discussed this work with another Tree specialist as letter below we believe that the height could be reduced to safeguard surrounding buildings and minimise the risk to the public but retain a substantial extent of the tree, perhaps with periodic review of status.

Regards,

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Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Re: Oak Tree diagnostic test report

Good morning, [redacted]

Many thanks for sending the report through. It appears thorough and well-compiled. I cannot contest the findings, but I think the recommendation to remove the whole tree could be missing out on an opportunity. I am sure it is possible to retain a far-reduced tree for myriad benefits, not least for the habitat it can provide. The tree does appear in reasonable health and may be able to tolerate (to some degree) the work. A new tree could also be planted nearby. If it is accepted to fell the tree, then at the very least the stump and lower stem should be retained to degrade naturally in situ.

Please feel free to pass this onto the LPA, if necessary.

Kind regards,

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