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Dear Falcon

WPC response to planning application C/22/1634/TPO | T8 of TPO 191/2005 - 1no. Sweet chestnut (elliptical black circle on plan) Overall crown reduction by 2 metres | High River View Cliff Road Waldringfield Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4QL

Waldringfield Parish Council does **NOT SUPPORT** this application for the following reasons.

The application is not valid as it does not include the mandatory documents and information required in such an application.

For example, not an exhaustive list:

i) The applicant answered “YES” to the application form question:

*“Please indicate whether the reasons for carrying out the proposed works include any of the following. If so, your application **MUST** be accompanied by the necessary evidence to support your proposals (see guidance notes for further details). Condition of the tree(s) - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall.*

If Yes, you are required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.”

- No written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert is included in this application.

ii) The applicant stated that yes, a sketch plan was provided when responding to the application form question:

“Documents and plans (for any tree)

*A sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in the question 'Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works' **MUST** be provided when applying for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.*

If Yes, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application” (our emphasis)

- No sketch plan has been submitted with this application. No professional report has been provided. A rather fuzzy aerial photograph has been submitted under the title “sketch plan” but this is entirely inadequate and shows no detail.

iii) This is contrary to government guidelines which are very specific and state:

“Sketch plan requirements:

Your plan needs to show the precise location of the tree(s) in relation to nearby property/roads/boundaries. It should, therefore: indicate the main features of the site where the tree(s) stand and its surroundings; in particular, you should: mark and name surrounding roads sketch in buildings, including adjoining properties

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add house numbers or names mark the position of the tree(s) to which you want to carry out work and identify them by the number shown in the Tree Preservation Order where possible; if you use a different number, please make sure that this can be matched with your description of the tree(s) if there are many trees on the site, make clear which tree(s) are included in this application by: marking all trees on the plan, but only numbering those to which you want to carry out work showing the approximate distance between the application tree(s) and buildings adding other relevant features on the site."

- It is clear from the above that neither the aerial photograph nor the "3 word location indicator" provide the required information and do not meet the sketch plan requirements for this type of application.

iv) RE the following question on the application form:

"Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works: Please identify the tree(s) and provide a full and clear specification of the works you want to carry out"

The applicants' response was:

"Sweet chestnut - Castanea sativa

What 3 words for location of tree - sweetened.flown.horn

Metre crown reduction and crown clean. This is to reduce the weight and length of large lateral limbs to reduce the wind sail and risk of failure."

- This identification of the tree and the proposed works is inadequate and does not meet the mandatory requirements for this type of application. There is no detailed drawing to show the tree as it is currently in terms of height and spread and no detail of which or how many branches/limbs are to be reduced. There is no indication of how this work will alter the shape of the tree and the overall impact of such a reduction.

The 2 metre crown reduction measurement on its own is not a valid measurement. The amount of reduction proposed should be stated in terms of the intended height and spread of the tree after pruning (rather than what percentage (%) or measurement of the overall crown is to be removed).

In addition, the Parish Council would wish to remind the District Council of the very recent history of the High Rivers View site. Particularly with regard to inadequate tree protection measures, including TPO trees on the site during construction work and the complete removal of a large and mature oak tree, contrary to planning consent conditions. Ref ENF/22/0039/COND.

Kind regards,



Jennifer Shone-Tribley, Parish Clerk – on behalf of the Waldringfield Parish Council