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Chichester Harbour Conservancy

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To the planning case officer,

Dear Maria Stewart,

Land at 12 Seafarers Walk, South Hayling, Hayling Island, Hampshire
Planning Application: **APP/20/00474**
Proposal to fell 1x Pine (Area Order 2 of TPO1358) and prune crown by 2m to another Pine tree

Thank you for consulting The Chichester Harbour Conservancy concerning the above planning submission. The Conservancy is a non-statutory consultee.

The landscape of Chichester Harbour was recognised as nationally important when it was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1964, through the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act of 1949. The Conservancy was established by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act of 1971. The purposes of the Conservancy are the responsibility for navigation and the conservation of nature. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act of 2000 formally established the Conservancy as the Joint Advisory Committee for the AONB, with the purpose to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape.

In its role in managing the Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), The Conservancy has considered the submitted proposal against the Conservancy's planning guidance and principles - including The Chichester Harbour Management Plan (2019-2024), The Chichester Harbour Planning Principles (Management Plan version April 2019), The Chichester Harbour AONB Landscape Character Assessment (CBA update 2019), and The Chichester Harbour AONB Joint SPD (May 2017), adopted by both Chichester District Council and Havant Borough Council.

Under the Chichester Harbour Conservancy officer fully delegated decision process, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) is hereby advised that the Conservancy makes the following comment in relation to the above application.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy Recommendation – OBJECTION

The Conservancy raises an objection to the proposal and recommends the refusal of this proposal.

- There is no cogent case submitted to justify the removal and loss of this large tree within the front garden area of the property which has a positive visual presence within the landscaped front garden setting of the properties along this end stretch of Seafarers Walk.

The positioning of the proposal would have a localised impact on the character and appearance of the immediate surrounds. The proposal would have a visual impact on the AONB within this small residential enclave on the edge of the countryside area.

Given its setting, the proposal is considered to result in the loss of a prominent tree and natural landscape feature. The loss of the tree would be detrimental to the character and the appearance of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The proposal is likely to have an impact on the AONB in terms of landscape character and in relation to wildlife conservation and protection.



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A copy of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy AONB Unit Planning Assessment Report is attached to this consultation response for your information and for open transparency public view.

Should you require any further clarification with regards to this recommendation please contact the CHC AONB Planning Unit.

Yours Sincerely,

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