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19/01407/TPO 9 Sunning Avenue Sunningdale Ascot SL5 9PN

(T17) Birch - fell; (T24) Silver Birch - fell; (T30) Silver Birch - fell; (T33) Sweet Chestnut - fell; (T38) Oak - fell; (G25) Mixed Sweet Chestnuts - fell; (G34) Mixed Sweet Chestnuts - fell (G35) Mixed Sweet Chestnuts and Silver Birch. (TPO 3 of 2002).

Dear Toby

The Planning Committee considered this application at its meeting on 25th June 2019, and **objects** to this application to fell a total of 24 TPO trees.

The Parish Council is most concerned about the three groups of sweet chestnut trees, G25, G34 and G35 that are proposed for felling. These three groups comprise a total of 19 sweet chestnut trees. Whilst there has been some arboricultural input there is no indication about the height or condition of each of these trees and it is only by close examination of the map that it is possible to identify the total number of trees in each group to be felled. This is not made clear in the application.

The very small photographs that accompany the application also appear to have been taken when the trees are not in full foliage so it is difficult to differentiate between what might be a poor quality tree and one that is healthy but has not yet developed leaves. Also, much of the upper canopies of the trees appear silhouetted against a bright sky so again it is difficult to ascertain their condition. All the relevant arboricultural recommendations are contained on one poorly presented single sheet.

There is also no indication of the height or condition of the trees T24 and T17 proposed for felling. Neither is there a photograph of these two trees. By contrast, the information and photograph of T30, a silver birch with a snapped out stem would fully support the decision to fell this poor specimen.

The chart below is the summary of the trees scheduled for felling:

| Tree type | Tree number | Number of trees to be felled |
|--|-------------|------------------------------|
| Birch | T17 | 1 |
| Silver birch | T24 | 1 |
| Silver birch | T30 | 1 |
| Sweet chestnut | T33 | 1 |
| Oak | T38 | 1 |
| Mixed Sweet chestnut | G25 | 10 |
| Mixed Sweet chestnut | G34 | 3 |
| Mixed Sweet chestnut | G35 | 6 |
| Total number trees to be felled | | 24 |

Whilst there may well be justifiable reasons for felling a number of these trees it is extremely difficult to ascertain this required detail from the application. Given the above the Parish Council **objects** to this application. We believe it is imperative that the Tree Officer visits the site to better ascertain the condition of these 24 trees.

Yours sincerely

Michael Burn

Co-Chairman of the Planning Committee