



# SUNNINGDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Toby,

**21/00419 Street Record, Knole Wood Sunningdale Ascot**

**(T1) - Douglas Fir - Fell. (T2) - Scots Pine - Fell. (T3) - Silver Birch - Fell. (T4) - Oak - Reduce crown by 2.5m leaving a final height of 22m and width of 8m. (TPO 6 of 1977).**

The reason stated by the arboricultural company for the proposed felling of the 25-metre-high Douglas Fir tree is the presence of the fungus *phaeolus schweinitzii*.

However, the Parish Council note that the same arboricultural experts surveyed the same trees exactly one year ago in January 2020. This was followed by the submitted application 20/00149 when RBWM granted permission to fell a beech and an oak tree.

However, no mention was made of this fungus on the Douglas Fir tree (T1) in the January 2020 survey. Therefore, the logical conclusion must be that this fungus is new, especially as such a significant and tall tree as this Douglas Fir must surely have attracted much attention in the January 2020 survey.

The Parish Council request specialist advice from the RBWM Tree Team and would like to ask if a more conservative approach could be recommended that controls or eradicates the fungus given that it **MUST** have been visibly present on this mature and significant tree for less than one year.

If this is possible then this must be the preferred option to felling.

We would refer the other trees mentioned in the application to the tree officer for comment.

Regards

Michael Burn and Yvonne Jacklin  
Co-chairs of Planning