

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

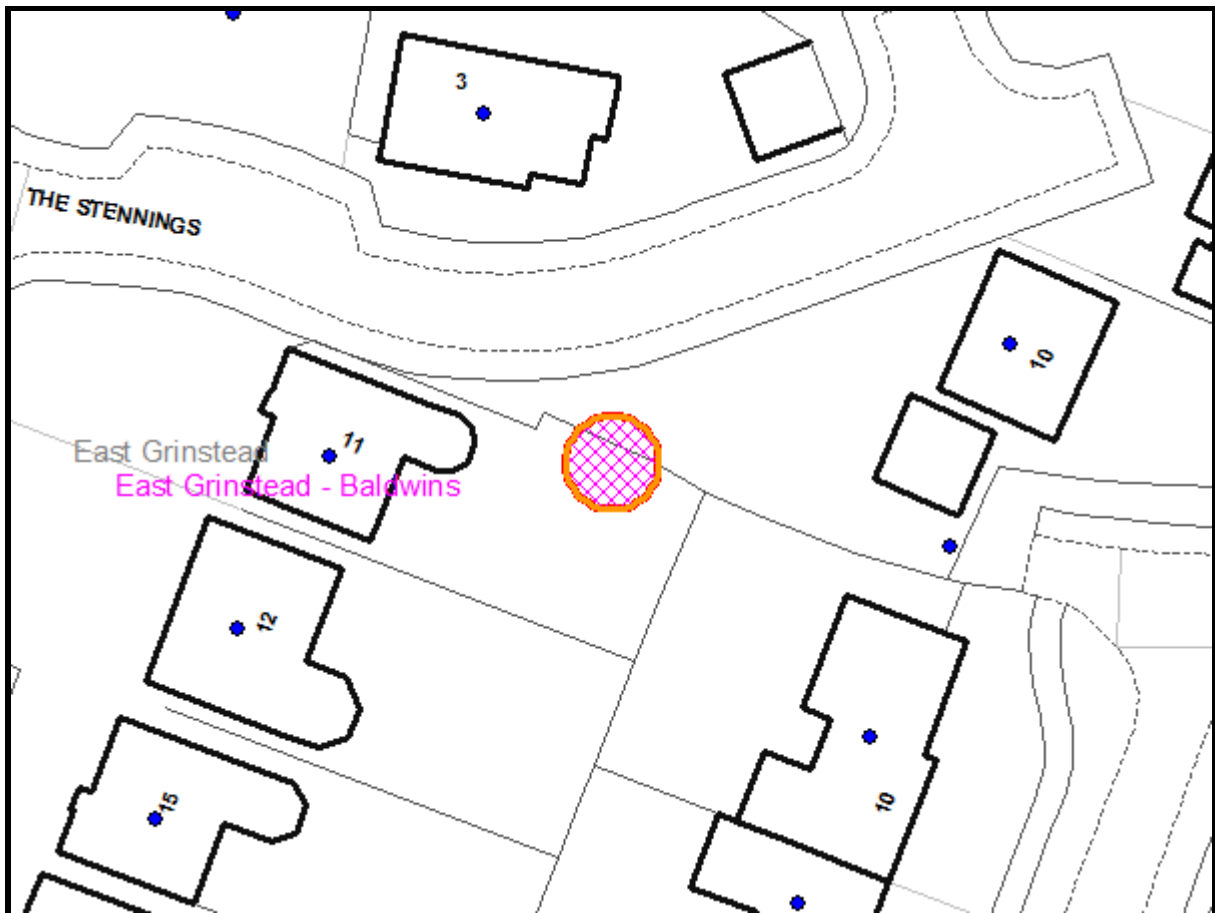
Planning Committee B

**28 MAR 2019**

RECOMMENDED FOR PERMISSION

**East Grinstead**

**DM/19/0180**



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**11 THE STENNINGS EAST GRINSTEAD WEST SUSSEX RH19 1PF  
T1 OAK - REDUCE ALL AROUND BY 2 METRES.  
MR REX WHITTAKER**

POLICY: Ashdown Forest SPA/SAC / Built Up Areas / Planning Agreement / Planning Obligation / Aerodrome Safeguarding (CAA) / Tree Preservation Order Points / Highways and Planning Agreement (WSCC) /

ODPM CODE: Tree Application

WARD MEMBERS: Cllr Margaret Belsey / Cllr Norman Webster /

CASE OFFICER: Irene Fletcher

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The application seeks consent for works to an Oak tree covered by Tree Preservation Order GR/02/TPO/99, as described, and this application has come before Committee as the applicant is a Council member.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that permission be granted subject to the condition set out in Appendix A.

### **REPRESENTATIONS**

The East Grinstead Society; refer to Tree Officer

### **EAST GRINDSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL**

Would support approval, subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer.

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### **ASSESSMENT**

The tree is a semi mature specimen located to the rear/side of the property. It has high public visibility and appears to be in good health. It has previously been crown lifted.

Policy DP37 of the District Plan deals with tree matters and states out that the Council will support the protection and enhancement of trees. In respect of tree works, the policy sets out the following will be taken into account:

- The condition and health of the tree
- The contribution of the trees to the character and visual amenity of the local area; and
- The amenity and nature conservation value of the trees; and
- The extent and impact of the works; and
- Any replanting proposals (where necessary)

The tree has not previously been reduced and is starting to dominate the modest rear garden.

The works will not involve reduction of the main branch framework and will be limited to secondary, fairly minor growth only.

It is considered that the works are reasonable to allow more light to the garden and will not impact unduly on its long term health or amenity value. It is considered that the application compliances with the above Development Plan policy and can be supported.

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#### **APPENDIX A – RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS**

1. The work shall be carried out in accordance with BS 3998:2010 "Recommendation for Tree Work".

Reason: To ensure that the work is carried out to a satisfactory standard.

#### **APPENDIX B – CONSULTATIONS**

##### **Parish Consultation**

As per East Grinstead Town Council Planning Committee meeting held on 11th February 2019:- Would support approval, subject to no adverse report from the MSDC Tree Officer.