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2023/0634/T	Andy Marchant	26/03/2023 23:18:59	COMMNT	<p>I am writing to appeal against the planning application for the felling of mature trees in what is supposed to be a conservation area. I am deeply concerned that the surveys conducted, by their own admission, were preliminary, and inadequate to make robust decisions. A single survey on one day raises serious questions about the accuracy of the assessment. The proposed loss of trees at the front of the development will significantly impact the aesthetic aspect of the area for all visitors and residents; I do not believe trees should be felled unless there is a clinical need and that this has been ascertained. I hope that applications have not been made simply to provide employment to tree surgeons.</p> <p>The trees in question are mature and valuable assets to the local environment, providing vital habitats for wildlife and contributing significantly to the beauty of the area. The decision to fell them should not be taken lightly and should be based on thorough and comprehensive surveys that take into account all relevant factors, including the health and structural integrity of the trees.</p> <p>Given the lack of detailed information provided in the planning application, it is impossible to determine with any certainty whether the felling of these trees is necessary or even appropriate. Without more robust and reliable data, it is impossible to make an informed decision on the matter.</p> <p>I would, therefore, urge you to reject the current planning application and insist that a more comprehensive survey be carried out before any further decisions are made regarding the trees' future. This should include thorough assessments of the trees' health and structural integrity, with soil and root samples taken for analysis, and the trees climbed to allow for more detailed inspections. Additionally, decay detection equipment should be used, and wood samples taken to assess the extent of any decay.</p> <p>By taking these steps, you can be sure that any decision made regarding the trees' future is based on sound scientific data and a clear understanding of the trees' value and importance to the local environment.</p>