

**Sarah Valentine**

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**To:** Andy Watt; planninginfo  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Application DM/23/0902 objection

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Dear Sir,

**Application: DM/23/0902**

**Location: Downlands School, Dale Avenue, Hassocks, West Sussex, BN6 8LP**

We object to this planning application, specifically the proposed destruction of large tree T38, due to these valid planning concerns:

- The effect of the proposed development on the appearance of the area
- Significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook
- Loss of important trees

This nearly 10m tall, mid-life tree provides important screening between existing school buildings and overlooked homes in Dale Avenue and The Minnells. This is illustrated by the attached photo from our bedroom showing the tree just coming into leaf. The planning application currently proposes to remove and replace it with a "small ornamental tree" which would be woefully inadequate.

We request that tree T38 be retained and protected during construction work. It is not on the actual site of the proposed new classroom block, which therefore may be built without destroying this tree.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
7 The Minnells, Hassocks, BN6 8QW

