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Your Ref: OWPC4174
Our Ref: AB/119/14/TC 29-09-2014
Please ask for:
Mr D Sullivan

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30th October 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice

Fell 2 No Sycamore trees (T4 and T5 on plan) within the Arundel Conservation Area
28 Martlets Court Queens Street Arundel

Thank you for your internet representation made on 30th October 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I would like to object to the felling of these two Sycamore trees on the following grounds:

- 1. There are few mature trees along the riverbank and those that remain are visually significant and contribute substantially to the visual scene in the town. These trees, being some of only a handful remaining, are therefore important to the character of the town.*
- 2. There are two other mature trees relatively close (within 100m) but these are horse chestnut trees and are both showing significant signs of disease. These trees seem unlikely to survive in the medium term. All the trees have tree preservation orders as all are visually significant. If the Sycamores are felled, their loss, together with the potential loss of the Horse Chestnuts would have a major impact on the landscape of the town.*
- 3. The visual impact of the Martlets Court development, which was strongly opposed in the town due to its size and height, has been somewhat ameliorated by the presence of mature trees. The placing of tree preservation orders was supposed to protect these trees in place and limit the dominating impact of the Martlets Court development. Felling the trees would be directly detrimental to householders who look out towards Martlets Court.*
- 4. The trees have already been extensively trimmed to limit their shade and allow residents to retain river views. Such works seem entirely reasonable - within an appropriate time frame. To now permit the trees to be felled however, seems unreasonable and disproportionate.*

I believe that to allow these trees to be felled would benefit a select few residents in the flats - if we allow them to thrive however, they will be of benefit to far more people and would continue to provide character to the town landscape. As a town we derive considerable benefit from visitors and tourists; retaining an attractive town centre is important to all residents. The riverscape is a vital part of the town and I believe that we should be doing everything we can to ensure that these trees are protected.

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Karl Roberts
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