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From: Nick Lambourn [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 May 2021 09:53
To: Richard Sherman <Richard.Sherman@arun.gov.uk>
Cc: Dilly Lambourn [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: AW/117/21/T - Southmead, Canons Close

Dear Mr Sherman. Thank you for your e-mail below.

We can confirm, we agree to the revised proposals of: *'Reduce overall height and spread on all aspects by repeating the whole crown reduction work, last undertaken c2010'*

We shall await your confirmation that this works is approved to proceed.

Best wishes

Nick Lambourn
[REDACTED]

From: Richard Sherman <Richard.Sherman@arun.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 May 2021 11:56
To: Nick Lambourn [REDACTED]
Subject: AW/117/21/T - Southmead, Canons Close

Dear Mr Lambourn,

I am looking over your application for tree works at the above address. We have received comments from our Tree Officer who has stated that as it stands the application will be refused. However he would like to invite you to agree to a revised proposal for lesser works (which can be seen at end of this email below) as part of the current application so as not to incur further delay. The tree officer's comments are below:

Tree Officer Comments:

I was offered access to the rear of the property, where I was able to make a close ground-level assessment of the tree.

The triangular wound (partially occluded) at the base is consistent with historic stem removal/separation. Decay appears confined to the outer wood and there was no audible cavity/extensive decay revealed when I tapped around with a nylon hammer. No pathogenic fungal growth or other significant ailment was observed, nor any evidence of root-plate instability.

- It has previously been the subject of whole crown reduction pruning (and subsequent pruning of lateral branches only) from which it appears to have grown-on well. It is visible from surrounding properties and in part from publicly accessible land; as such it has amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The applicant has not submitted any diagnostic information from an appropriate expert in support of the reasons given for the proposed works. My own observations did not reveal any obvious cause for concern in respect of its health and structural integrity.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and assumed to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its removal would have a detrimental impact on the landscape.

Recommendations:

- As it stands, I recommend REFUSAL for this application.
- **I would like the applicant to be invited to agree to a revised proposal for lesser works (such as described below)** as part of the current application so as not to incur further delay. Such work would go some way to addressing their concerns whilst preventing a detrimental effect on the landscape and loss of amenity:

- Reduce overall height and spread on all aspects by repeating the whole crown reduction work, last undertaken c2010.

Therefore, please can you confirm you agree to the revised proposals of: *'Reduce overall height and spread on all aspects by repeating the whole crown reduction work, last undertaken c2010'*?

Please can I get a response by 24.05.21.

Thanks

Kind regards

Richard

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