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Sent: 04 August 2011 16:30
To: Planning
Cc: Janice Chapman; Ian Brewster; Martyn White; Ian Jefferies
Subject: Emailing: AW-159-11-TC - 24 Kingsway - Tree surgery - OBJECTION
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Please receive, attached, CHECAA's objection to AW/159/11/TC and take into consideration during your decision making process.

With kind regards and thanks,

Richard D. Ostler, Chairman, CHECAA

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Julie Grieves

From: Carolyn Nysingh on behalf of Planning
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From: Richard Ostler [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 August 2011 17:53
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Dear Sir

I do apologise, but this attachment replaces my previous sent at 4.29pm today and contains minor wording corrections.

Please discard the previous message.

With renewed thanks, Richard Ostler, Chairman, CHECAA.

----- Original Message -----

From: Richard Ostler
To: Arun Planning
Cc: Janice Chapman ; Brewster Ian ; Martyn WHITE ; Ian Jefferies
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:29 PM
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CHECAA
Craigweil House and its
Environs Conservation Area
Association

'Preserving our Regal, Historic and Architectural Heritage for Future Generations'

AW-159-11-TC – 24 Kingsway – Tree surgery.

Head of Planning Services
Arun District Council
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
BN17 5LF

4 August 2011

Dear Sir

OBJECTION – AW/159/11/TC – Tree surgery, 24 Kingsway,
Craigweil House Conservation Area

The Planning Applications Scrutiny Committee of CHECAA has examined the documentation of this application, visited site and is concerned for the welfare of the trees concerned. We are unable to examine closely for they are on private land but considers that, from their height and position on the bend in Kingsway, the main access road to the Conservation Area, the trees represent a significant public amenity that has existed for many years.

Application AW/73/11/TC allowed the felling of four trees at this address on the 22 March 2011 and, in recent years – with no consent granted but with think possibly required due to the age of the trees – some 15-20 Macrocarpa trees forming a boundary line between No. 24 and the bungalow to its south at 29 The Drive (next to the White Gate) were reduced in height by at least 50% and the majority of the died off. The dead trunks remain to be seen and, if viewed, it will clearly be recognised that they, also, represented a significant public amenity from The Drive west of that gate.

The Eucalyptus appears to have a narrow trunk and not to be subject of the BR/2/1958 Tree Preservation Order.

The Holly, if its identification is correct (and identification is not easy due to the crude drawing and absence of a photograph) is the tree which, within the last 2-3 years was massively lopped from top to bottom on the south/west side without consent. This distorted the tree and left it looking like the Portsmouth Spinnaker Tower and not a tree.

Reduction of any tree by 50% is considered by us and by Mr. Tony Kirkham, Head of Arboriculture at Kew Gardens, to be excessive – particularly in the current ongoing drought conditions, now in the fourth consecutive year. This view is supported by BS 3998 : 1989 which at paragraph 13.4.2 says '*Very substantial crown reduction should, ideally, not be made during a single growing season since severe loss of leaf area and multiple wounding may impair a tree's defences against diseases and decay*'.

At paragraph 13.6.2 it states '*The percentage of crown to be removed should be stated, but the leaf area removed should not normally exceed 30% of the original coverage*'.

The proposed extensive reduction in height would undoubtedly cause severe harm to these trees which, in our view, have been severely neglected for a great many years (as with the Macrocarpa to the south of the house) but cannot justify desperate measures of damaging topping in one operation.

We respectfully ask that Mr. Ian Brewster, Principal Arboriculturalist for the District be asked to inspect these trees and report to the Case Officer and that our views be taken into consideration by him and the Case Officer for there is a dearth of trees in that part of the Conservation Area and those at The White House are a pleasing sight and an important public amenity lauded by the English Heritage Inspector when inspecting the area prior to designation.

Subject to Mr. Brewster's views, we ask that this application be REFUSED.

Yours faithfully

Richard D. Ostler
Chairman

CC Case Officer; Principal Arboriculturalist and Conservation Officer.

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