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From: Charlotte Easton
Sent: 12 October 2018 16:16
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Subject: RE: Planning Decision on AW/171/18/T : 6 Seacourt Close

Dear Mr and Mrs West,

Thank you for your email.

The Tree Preservation Order covering your property would mean that any tree in situ in 1958 would be protected and therefore require permission, as an application was submitted we dealt with it on the basis that you believed the Oak tree was subject to the Tree Preservation Order.

I can understand your issue with regard to the decision implying you wish to remove the tree, that paragraph was our error and I can only apologise for any inconvenience.

One of the points in the Tree Officer's report was as follows:

"It has not been demonstrated (nor evidence provided in support of) that this tree requires crown reduction work on arboricultural grounds. I see no obvious risk of damage to built structures at this time. Although the boundary fence lines are in varying states of disrepair they are both intact and functional with scope to accommodate main stem expansion as the tree grows"

The only way forward I believe would be for you were to provide the evidence and then I can pass it the Tree Officer and see whether if you were to apply again he would come to a different conclusion.

We can only apologise for the delay in you receiving your decision, unfortunately due to high workloads and staff shortages this was unavoidable.

Many Thanks

Charlotte

From: WEST, Louise [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 October 2018 07:15
To: Planning.Responses
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Subject: Fw: Planning Decision on AW/171/18/T : 6 Seacourt Close

We are responding to the the above refusal for permission to trim a tree at the said property. The property is in a tree preservation area, however the tree does not have a tree preservation order applied to it. We were applying because the tree surgeon advised us to and if we didn't get permission his livelihood could depend on it. This seems farcical given the previous fact.

Another problem with the decision is that implies we wanted to remove the tree, this is totally wrong as we just want to trim it. We have a responsibility to care for the tree and keep it in good condition and you are preventing this happen. By preventing us from caring for the tree you are causing anger in our neighbours as it it damaging their property.

Another problem is that we applied back in May , we received receipt of email for our application on 29th May 2018, and it has taken until now to get a decision. This is not acceptable as it has taken 17 weeks and we should of had a decision by 24th July giving us enough time to organise a surgeon to attend to the tree before the winter storms.

It is also worth mentioning that we applied to trim the tree 2 years ago and were refused , with the bad weather a large branch was ripped off. This is not good for the life of the tree and not how we want to care for it.

We would appreciate a fast response to this email, as you can understand we are extremely anxious about this situation, and the process that has taken so long.

Yours faithfully

Louise and Rick West

From: <planning.responses@arun.gov.uk>

Date: 25 September 2018 at 17:21:15 BST

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