

Janice Chapman

From: 
Sent: 08 November 2013 12:21
To: Janice Chapman
Subject: RE: AW/215/13/T

Dear Janice,

Mr Johnson states 'the 30% slant on each trunk' and 'at least one lower branch is just a few feet from the property and one trunk is now curving towards the house.' Does the slant necessarily mean there is a fault, could it otherwise indicate a natural growth progression adapting the separate crown half's to occupy space for the capture of maximum sun light. The tree appears to have lower branches removed and I did not notice a branch within a few feet of property.

I don't understand how Mr Johnson can state 'cavalier attitude to such justifiable concerns'. Why now the sudden rush to get the tree felled. It has been standing in that same spot, of same size and structural condition for many years, unhindered by the recent high winds. This suggests that the tree could safely exist for many more years. Unless there is evidence to suggest that it is or could be imminently structurally compromised for example where a decay causing parasitic fungal bracket is evident and perpetuating or where an exposed extended lateral branch could fail if not crown thinned-reduced then it would be difficult to condemn without good arboricultural justification, not from the opinion of a non-professional.

Regards

Ian Brewster

From: Janice Chapman
Sent: 08 November 2013 11:21
To: Ian Brewster
Subject: FW: AW/215/13/T

FYI

Janice

From: Martin johnson 
Sent: 08 November 2013 11:19
To: Janice Chapman
Cc: Ian.Brewster@arun.gov.uk
Subject: RE: AW/215/13/T

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MartinDJohnson

From: Janice Chapman [<mailto:Janice.Chapman@arun.gov.uk>]
Sent: 08 November 2013 10:44

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: AW/215/13/T

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A decision on this application has to be made by the 22nd November .

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Planner

From: Martin johnson [mailto:mjohnson@arun.gov.uk]
Sent: 07 November 2013 15:46
To: Janice Chapman
Subject: RE: AW/215/13/T

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From: Janice Chapman [mailto:Janice.Chapman@arun.gov.uk]
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Subject: AW/215/13/T

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From: 
Sent: 08 November 2013 10:29
To: Janice Chapman
Subject: Re: AW/215/13/T

Sent from my iPhone

On 7 Nov 2013, at 16:03, "Ian Brewster" <Ian.Brewster@arun.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Janice

The comments I made in my report are based upon my professional opinion and are believed to be true.

My assessment of the larger Pine tree was based on a brief visual assessment and did not flag up any significant concerns which would indicate the tree should be immediately cut down.

Ian

Sent from my iPhone

On 7 Nov 2013, at 15:50, "Janice Chapman" <Janice.Chapman@arun.gov.uk> wrote:

Ian,

I have just found out that the Monterey Pine tree is covered by TPO/AW/61/10/

Jan

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From: Martin Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 31 October 2013 11:30
To: Janice Chapman
Subject: RE: AW/215/13/T - Fell 1 no Pinus Radiata and lift crown of 1 no Pinus Radiata, 16 Margaret Close, Aldwick

Ms.Chapman,

Thank you for letting me have your comments about the above trees, and note that you mention the overshadowing that the smaller tree causes to a neighbour. I appreciate that the large Pine is a significant feature but also note that extraordinarily you do not even mention the extreme overshadowing that is caused to my property and to other neighbours by it. It has clearly outgrown its location rendering much of the garden unusable. It sways considerably in even modest winds, during which times visitors fear for their safety. You will be aware of the number of trees that I have planted and retained in the garden which I hope signifies to you that I am not keen on removing any trees unnecessarily. I would be grateful if you would let me have a copy of Mr.Brewsters report of his inspection, which should include the date of his visit and details of any tests he carried out. I would also request a copy of the report on which the current Tree Preservation is based. In view of the foregoing, I have to let you know that I'm not prepared to withdraw the larger tree from my application. Please let me know of the next stages in your procedures. Thank you.

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From: Janice Chapman [<mailto:Janice.Chapman@arun.gov.uk>]
Sent: 30 October 2013 14:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW/215/13/T - Fell 1 no Pinus Radiata and lift crown of 1 no Pinus Radiata, 16 Margaret Close, Aldwick

Dear Mr Johnson,

I have received consultation from the Council's Arboriculturist, Mr Brewster in respect of the above trees. He has recommended that the crown lift and reduction to the younger tree would benefit the neighbours from overshadowing and would benefit the tree and create a balanced high crown formation.

However, the large Monterey Pine is a significant feature and other than deadwood he does not detect a structural fault with the tree and the application does not indicate any structural weakness or disease which would support the action to remove it. He has recommended that the felling be refused.

In view of his comments would you consider removing the Monterey Pine from the application.

Regards

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Planner

