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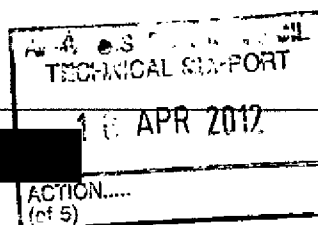
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Subject: Emailing: AW-48--12-T - 'The White House, 24 Kingsway - 10-4-2012

Dear Sir

Please receive the attached CHECAA objection to planning application AW/48/12/T.

Richard D. Ostler, Chairman, CHECAA

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Craigweil House and its

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AW-48-12-T – 'The White House', 24 Kingsway – 10-4-2012

Head of Planning Services
Arun District Council
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10 April 2012

Dear Sir

OBJECTION – AW/48/12/T - Lopping of Conifers – 'White House', 24 Kingsway, Craigweil House Conservation Area and Area of Special Character

CHECAA's Planning Applications Scrutiny Committee, representing over 200 members committed to preserving or enhancing the area and to ensuring that all applications make a positive contribution to the environment and established character of the area, has studied this application and the site with which they are very familiar.

The applicant, who claims no horticultural or arboricultural reason for reducing the height of what appears to be a row of Lleylandii trees, running east to west on the southern boundary of the plot, states only that he requires *'topping of a minimum 10ft of 15 tall conifers in back garden, as stopping light getting into back garden, and also stopping light getting into neighbours garden at the back'*. The attached plan is annotated *'14 Lleylandii trees to be lopped 10-15''*.

In a current application, AW/42/12/T at 31 The Drive, the applicant was required to specify, in metric measure, the exact amount by which he wished to reduce the height of a tree. Surely, it cannot acceptable even to consider this application which says only *'Lopping of minimum of 10ft...'*? That would be a license to fell the tree! And, with some degree of mind-reading, presumably he means 'Topping'! But does he mean 14 or 15 trees. And does he mean 10' or the 10-15' that elsewhere he mentions? Do we really have to guess what this applicant wishes to do to his trees because he fails to make a full and clear disclosure? In the absence of any firm information, we will do our best, while stressing that we consider clarification should be sought.

Certainly these trees are tall but, equally, they are a significant amenity as seen from The Drive, west of the white gate, where they provide an evergreen screen to conceal all the houses in Kingsway which, otherwise, would represent the less attractive street scene.

Certainly the trees have been neglected for many years and, when previously 'butchered' and taken down, a number were killed. In the fifth consecutive year of drought, CHECAA continues to 'preach' the same 'Lesson' as Mr. Tony Kirkham, the Head of Arboriculture at Kew Gardens who declares that, currently, all trees in the UK are greatly stressed and that, with normal annual rain, will take a least three years to recover. Brown leaves and pine needles falling in the summer indicate their sad condition. **Mr. Kirkham contends that trees need to retain as much foliage as possible at this time.**

It is utterly spurious to claim that the Lleylandii cause any significant shading in the garden but it would be a wonderful tree that did not cast a shadow and the applicant did buy the house and the trees. There is a vast garden to this Kingsway property, running through to a bungalow in The Drive to the south, on which boundary the trees grown. They are a fine amenity in their own right and, if work is required for their good husbandry, CHECAA will be happy to accept any recommendation that the Principal District Arboriculturalist may have. Accordingly, we respectfully request that he be asked to inspect these trees and to report.

Meantime, must object to and ask that this application be Refused.

Yours faithfully

Richard D. Ostler
Chairman

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Our Ref: AW/48/12/TC
Please ask for:
Mrs J Chapman

12th April 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Reduce tops of 14 no. Lleylandi trees by a maximum of 3m within the Craigweil House Conservation Area.

The White House 24 Kingsway Bognor Regis

Thank you for your internet representation made on 11th April 2012 which has been recorded as **an objection** with the comments as follows:

This Application lacks sufficient detail to give proper consideration to the intentions of the Applicant. □

There is no indication as to who would carry out the work, nor and report from a qualified arboriculturist. □

I believe this tree line to be some 30 feet high and must be seen as a considerable public amenity within the Craigweil House Conservation Area. □

'need lopping by/of 10 feet minimum' (as stated in Section 3 'Trees Location' of the Application and Section 7 'Identification of Trees') means to the reader, the removal of at least 10 feet of the height of the treeline. It could be misinterpreted as to mean - take the tree height to 10 feet, therefore removing 20 of the 30 feet height. □

If this were the case, it is sufficient to destroy the conifers. Even removing the top 10 feet is putting the trees in severe danger. The experts at Kew are suggesting that after some 5 years of severe drought, much of our tree heritage is at risk of serious harm or death. The current lack of rainfall is also putting particular strain on trees and shrubs at this time and to curtail the photosynthesis of any plant or tree is putting its life and integrity at serious risk. □

'Topping' 10 feet off the height and 'lopping' extensive side branches will excessively stress these trees in 'normal' conditions, let alone in the present period of drought. □

Great care will be required by a professional arborist to ensure any work is carried out in such a way to ensure longevity of the treeline. □

This Application lacks any professional input and I recommend that the Arun DC Principle Arboriculturist inspects the trees to assess proper treatment for the future welfare of these conifers. Further, the Applicant must be required to supply more clarity as to what is proposed here.

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 to 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 may 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
Assistant Director Planning Services & Housing Strategy