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From: Richard Ostler [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 May 2011 17:33
To: Planning
Cc: Ian Brewster; Martyn White
Subject: Emailing: AW-89-11-T . 38 Kingsway - Reduce 3 Yews Trees by 20 percent.

Dear Sir

Please acknowledge receipt of this CHECAA objection to this application and pass to the Officer/file accordingly.

Thanks and regards, Richard D. Ostler, Chairman, CHECAA.

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AW-89-11-T . 38 Kingsway - Reduce 3 Yews Trees by 20 percent.

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CHECAA

Craigweil House and its

Environs Conservation Area

Association

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

AW-89-2011- T: 38 Kingsway, Craigweil House C.A. – reduce 3 Yew Trees by 20% - 9 May 2011. BY EMAIL

Head of Planning Services
Arun District Council
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9 May 2011

Dear Sir

OBJECTION – AW/89/11/T – Application to 'reduce 3 No. Yews trees by 20%' ON
THE CRAIGWEIL HOUSE CONSERVATION AREA, ALDWICK

CHECAA, an Association of over 200 members dedicated to preserving and conserving the Regal, Historical and Architectural assets of the Craigweil House Conservation Area for the enjoyment of future generations, made application for, and received Area of Special Character status and, later, made application for and secured Conservation Area status, followed by the attachment of two Article 4 Directions Orders to protect the despoiling of verges and front gardens.

Through more than ten years of study and research of the area and its history, Officers of CHECAA now have a comprehensive collection of information which, in turn, has been passed to the Arun District Council Conservation Officer and to the English Heritage Conservation Area Inspector who praised and endorsed its content.

The three Yew trees in this application are among just six (of dozens) remaining and which, originally, formed a walk from Craigweil House – 'the Queen's Walk' - to the famed lawns where Queen Mary planted a Blue Cedar Atlantica Glauca tree that stands today in the ground of 'Queenslawn' to the western side of Queensway. CHECAA considers them to be of massive and irreplaceable public amenity value.

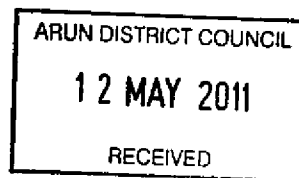
The fact that these three are in the garden of No. 38 Kingsway (as bought by the applicant within the last 2 years is not attributable to bad landscaping but to the greed to the previous owner who sold off ¾ of the plot inherited from his mother

Copies to: Ian Brewster Esq., Martyn White Esq.

Established 20 January 2001

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My Ref: AW/89/11/T-1

7th May, 2011

Arun District Council
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FAO Head of Planning Services

Dear Sirs

Ref: Planning Application AW/89/11/T, 38 Kingsway, Aldwick

I am aware of some proposals to alter some of the treescape in Craigweil Private Estate, covered by the above application.

I wish to express concern and object to the proposal in this Application to 'tamper' with these old and respected trees of over 100 years old. Trees are a valuable asset to any community and especially here, where they are a great public amenity.

The trees concerned in this application are very much part of the surrounding landscape and are enjoyed by all concerned, both residents and non-residents. They also, may I remind you, form part of the original garden and surroundings to Craigweil House, the very basis of our inheritance on this Craigweil House Conservation Area. In this case, the Yew trees in question formed part of what was originally a treed walk within the grounds of Craigweil House, owned in the 1930's by Sir Arthur Du Cros. This is proven by maps from the time (a copy attached). I am sure King George V and Queen Mary would not be at all pleased to hear that some of the treescape they enjoyed was to be put at risk. The Yews are likely to predate Sir Arthur, as Craigweil House existed well before his time here, under other names and ownership. The surrounding property and public now enjoy these trees to the full as part of a rich landscape, unique to this part of the coastal strip.

At one time, No 38 Kingsway 'owned' the space now occupied by several adjoining houses. Indeed, there was a plan not long ago to demolish the trees now in question and 'squeeze' yet another property to the rear of 38 Kingsway and the side of the inserted house to the rear at No 43 The Drive. (No 43 The Drive was the latest squeezed piece of garden grabbing on these sites.) These trees are in the last piece of the garden grabbed from No 38 to build, where previously no regard by occupants was given to reducing their own garden at 38.

Tampering with the delicate balance of treescape is very damaging. Locally we have very good examples of that where residents and particularly speculative developers, pay little attention to the benefits to those other than themselves. We must be concerned for the future too, as damage now to the treescape, will be inherited by those that follow.

The list of previous Planning Applications shows that in the past, these Yew trees have been maintained well, with regular trimming to keep them in good order. Since the property was sold a couple of years ago, scant attention has been paid to such husbandry.

This Application states that in the interest of good husbandry, one fifth/20% reduction is required, 'in line with the original shape'. '**Original shape at what time**' I ask? I personally do not believe this to be suitable and may put the trees at serious risk for the future. I am aware that Yew may recover from hard knocks, but remain concerned that such work here may not be 'professionally' done. There is no supportive arboricultural correspondence with the application, where possibly a slight annual trim might be appropriate. Taking 20%, which could be from the top, bottom **and** sides of these trees would in my opinion kill them. After several years of damaging drought, we have now suffered the driest April on record, growing conditions are under great stress. I don't believe any qualified Arboriculturist would accept 20% reductions where probably the trees could not convert sufficient food by photosynthesis to survive.

I note with interest that 38 Kingsway **is for sale at this time**, so I wonder who will have responsibility for this application when decided? A white timber fence around the front and side elevation is under reconstruction for the benefit of buyers and their agents no doubt.

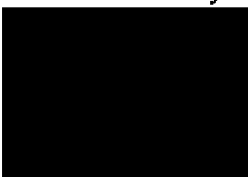
I hope these trees have been placed under the new/reviewed TPO for Aldwick, following the previous BR/2/58.

We must strive to retain what we have in the light of the above and not to remove, even by what is oft described as 'good husbandry', trees that will be so difficult to replace. It is not the trees fault the occupants of this property may feel the trees dominate their views. It has been the garden grabbing done in the past that has created any such situation.

In the light of the above, will you please ensure that before any decision is taken on this Application, the District Arboriculturalist Ian Brewster provides an opinion as to the best course of action, if indeed any is necessary. I believe he is aware of the importance of these Yew trees and the history of applications relating to them. Account should also be taken of a report submitted by the then CECAA (now CHECAA) in 2006 within AW/161/06/T by Mr Colin Bashford MBE, M.Arb., F.Arb.A., MAE, who provided strong opinion on the preservation of these valuable Yew trees.

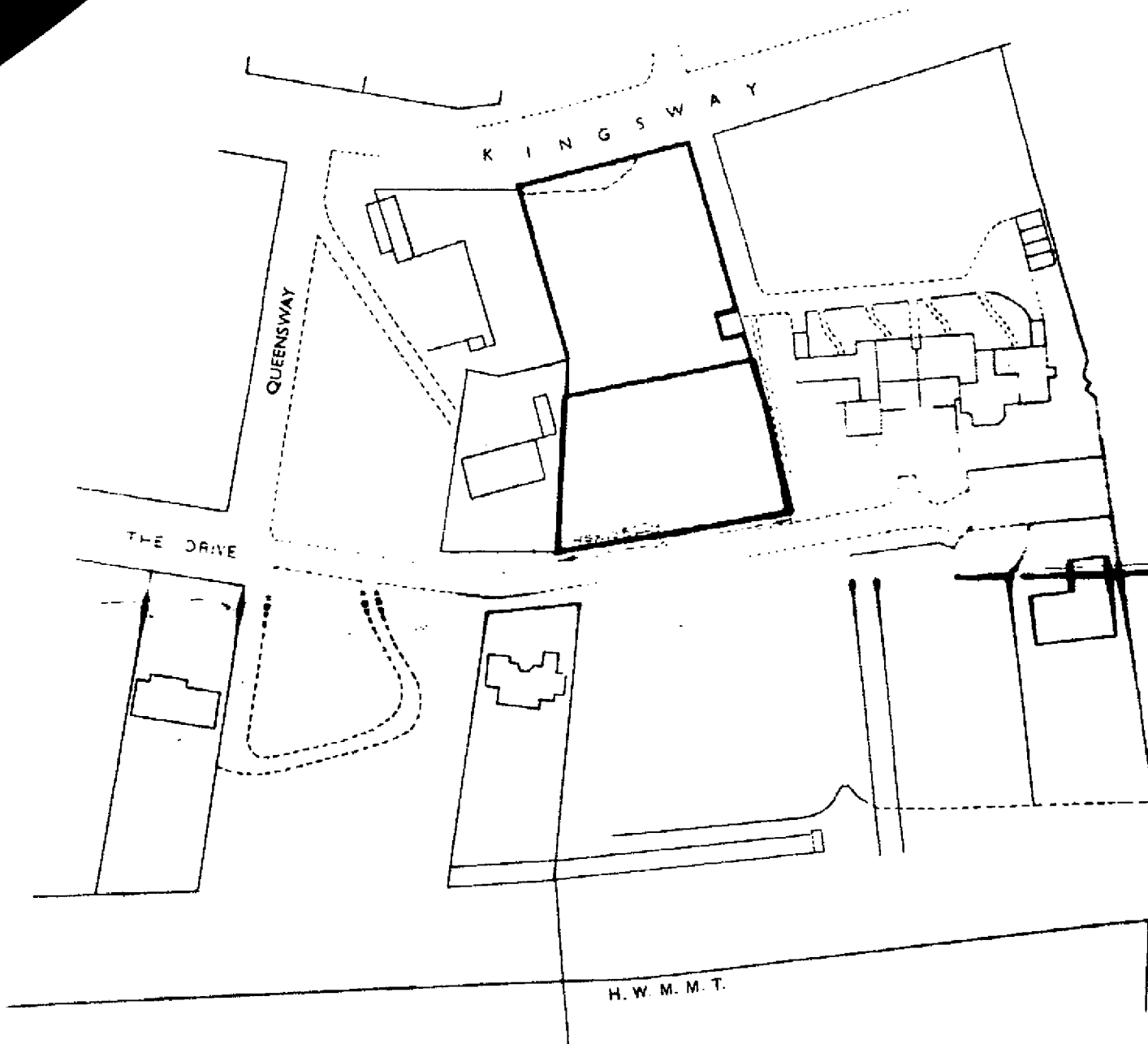
There is no justification for the gross proposals and I ask that you **REFUSE** them.

Yours faithfully



Ian Jefferies

c.c. Councillor Mrs Gill Brown & Councillor Bower



PLAN SHOWING DOTTED "PATHWAY" FROM ORIGINAL CRAIGWEL HOUSE TO THE SOUTHEAST
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Date: 2/5/2011

Planning Application:.....AW/189/111/T.....

Dear Sir/Madam

The West Sussex Wildlife Protection Group opposes the planning application above.

Reasons are as follows:.....no surgery due.....
.....to nesting birds. see below.....

Would you please note that any felling of trees, lopping, tree surgery, ground clearance or any activity involving nesting birds during the months between April to September contravenes the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 and 1985 especially if protected species are involved, also if there is any earthwork involving mammals then the Wild Mammals Act 1996 would be contravened leading to Police prosecutions.

Please contact above group for legal advice and site survey.

Yours Sincerely

Jaine Wild
Secretary

