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Craigweil House and its Environs Conservation Area Association

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AW/91/13 – 22 The Drive – front wall – 14-6-2013

Head of Planning Services
Arun District Council
Maltravers Road
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BY EMAIL ONLY

14 June 2013

Dear Sir

FURTHER OBJECTION: Proposed front wall and gates – 22 The Drive –
AW/91/13
within the Craigweil House Conservation Area AND Area of Special Character

Further to our detailed objection to this application, we wish to comment upon the recently submitted plan No. 4929 attributed to K.E.Hilton & Associates and that numbered 630/3 attributed to Mr. Brookman, the Agent, as follows.

Mr. Brookman has no Arboriculturalist qualifications and claims no such knowledge or experience and says, in his brief letter 'I attach my tree survey'. We think this is not an acceptable Tree Survey to the standard required by BS 5837:2012. It does not even address those matters laid down in the BS – it is a rough sketch plan!

We note that it shows the area from the proposed gate and walls as '*Permeable pavioured area*' but there is no application for this and the area is graveled with 20mm shingle that is appropriate and accords with the original, and still extensively existing, finish for driveways. **There is no existing 'permeable pavioured area'!**

The hand drawn section on the Hilton plan shows a section of *the 'foundation to infill walling'* which is capable of any translation but appears to show a total depth of 1.425m. From 'G.L.' – presumably ground level - there is 150 (presumably mm) of something undisclosed, followed by 225mm, then 450mm of something and 600mm of something – presumably we have to assume or guess what is this construction for it is not stated. We find this unsatisfactory and unacceptable for to accept this plan is to accept the unknown and issue, if granted, a licence to place anything. *Again, 'permeable pavioured area' is marked when it is a 20mm gravel covered driveway – probably over tarmac.*

We stress again that the tree feeder roots (BS5837:2012) are mostly in the top 600mm of the soil and spreading outwards on the perimeter of the tree. *Where roots encounter short driveways, as existing here, they will travel UNDER that – and possibly the brick block roadway also – in their search to find free ground and to draw in AIR, WATER AND NUTRIMENTS for survival.* PARTICULARLY in older trees, to damage these roots will be to seriously harm or kill a tree – the Oak here is the most vulnerable and already has very little grass area around it to survive.

To place these footings, as shown, will be to cut off ALL FEEDER ROOTS – no matter whether or not they are HAND DUG – for no less than 200 degrees of the circumference of that tree and less than 2m from the trunk when the area 12 times its diameter (BS5837: 2012) should NOT be disturbed but fenced off before building and remain untouched and regarded as sacrosanct.

More than that, ALL the trees shown are vulnerable to being seriously harmed or killed and none would go unscathed if the building of these walls and digging of the footings is to be allowed, according to this application.

Please refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

Richard D. Ostler
Chairman

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