



From: Charlotte Easton
Sent: 06 February 2019 14:46
To: 'stephen.lorimer'
Subject: RE: FW: A/143/18/T

Dear Mr Lorimer,

Thank you for your confirmation.

I have spoken with Mr Warwick and with regard to the damaged braches you make reference too, I would refer you to paragraph 3 of the Tree Officers report, it reads as follows:

-The removal of dead or imminently dangerous branches is an exception and does not require permission, although in respect of the latter those undertaking are required to notify this authority at the earliest opportunity and works should only be to the extent that the immediate threat to person(s) or property is abated. Any work desired beyond that which is absolutely necessary requires a formal application.

Mr Warwick has suggested if you have any further queries regarding how to proceed with any of the branches you contact him directly on mark.warwick@arun.gov.uk

I hope this is of assistance.

Many Thanks

Charlotte

From: stephen.lorimer [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2019 09:36
To: Charlotte Easton
Cc: Cllr. Dudley Wensley
Subject: RE: FW: A/143/18/T

Hi Charlotte

Thanks for you help with this.

I am happy to agree to the proposed 2m limit in this case. However could you, or please ask mr warwick to clarify the position with branches that are damaged beyond this or the fence line limit. Can they be removed to the safe limit of the fenceline, without waiting for further written application or permission.

Best regards
Steve

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Charlotte Easton <Charlotte.Easton@arun.gov.uk>

Date: 04/02/2019 11:39 (GMT+00:00)

To: "'stephen.lorimer'" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Cllr. Dudley Wensley" [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FW: A/143/18/T

Dear Mr Lorimer,

Thank you for your email.

Mr Warwick the Tree Officer has sent his comments through to us. He has however provided an advisory which would require your agreement in order to receive an approval to the works.

The advisory is as follows:

** Reduce radial spread to leave no less than 2m of branch growth extending beyond the applicant's recently installed garden boundary fence-line.*

If you agree with the revised works - Reduce radial spread to leave no less than 2m of branch growth extending beyond the applicant's recently installed garden boundary fence-line -- then I would hope to be able to issue an approval today.

I am unable to comment on the times taken by other councils on different applications, I can only apologise for the delay it has taken to issue the decision for this application and would hope to resolve this today.

Regards

Mrs Easton

From: stephen.lorimer [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 February 2019 21:38

To: Charlotte Easton

Cc: Cllr. Dudley Wensley

Subject: Re: FW: A/143/18/T

Hi Charlotte,

Have you had any joy in getting this written up yet? The tree officer visited site over a week ago now and the application was originally due for determination by 15th January. This is now impacting planned work within my garden.

I find it extremely difficult to believe how long this is taking you to determine and very frustrating. Even more so when you consider that since I have submitted this application, I have also managed to get a new application submitted, validated and permission granted for a new 3,000m2 commercial building by hart district council. Why such a difference?

Please expedite this.

Kind Regards

Stephen Lorimer

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From: Charlotte Easton <Charlotte.Easton@arun.gov.uk>

Date: 25/01/2019 16:25 (GMT+00:00)

To: "'stephen.lorimer'" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Cllr. Dudley Wensley" [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: A/143/18/T

Dear Mr Lorimer,

Apologies for omitting to respond to that question in my previous email.

As we only put the Tree Preservation Order on the trees last year there would have to be a change in circumstance, for example the health of the tree in order for the Preservation Order to be revoked.

If however, there is a decline in the tree's health you would be advised to contact our Tree Officer, Mr Mark Warwick.

Kind Regards

Charlotte

From: stephen.lorimer [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 January 2019 17:24
To: Charlotte Easton
Cc: Cllr. Dudley Wensley
Subject: RE: A/143/18/T

Thankyou Charlotte

Please can you advise the answer to my other question on the first email.

'Could you please also advise the process which needs to be undertaken to get the TPO revoked (felling the trees is not an option).'

Best Regards

S Lorimer

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From: Charlotte Easton <Charlotte.Easton@arun.gov.uk>

Date: 23/01/2019 17:03 (GMT+00:00)

To: "stephen.lorimer" [REDACTED]

Cc: "Cllr. Dudley Wensley" [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: A/143/18/T

Dear Mr Lorimer,

Thank you for your email.

I can only apologise for the delay, unfortunately I was out of the office yesterday and therefore unable to respond.

Unfortunately I have been unable to issue a decision on your application as the Tree Officer had not yet provided his comments, however having spoken to him he is hoping to provide his comments to me by the beginning of next week and I will endeavour to get the report issued to you on or if not before the 1st February 2019.

Unfortunately, we are unable to ensure delays do not occur in the future, however please note we will always, where possible, issue a decision when it is due.

Apologies once again for any inconvenience.

Charlotte Easton

From: stephen.lorimer [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 January 2019 20:21
To: Charlotte Easton
Cc: Cllr. Dudley Wensley
Subject: RE: A/143/18/T

Good Evening Charlotte,

Please can you provide me with an update the decision that was due last tuesday (15th). Subsequently I suggested an extension of time to assist you but have had no response. Do you accept my suggested date for the EOT? This should not have been required as you have had this application since mid November.

I tried initially to liaise with Zac Denton who was at the time the appointed officer, back in December to offer any assistance and access that may be required for survey. I did not even receive a response to my email which was disappointing.

All I want to do is trim the hedges/treed back which overhang my garden, in places by 3m. When I moved in in november 2016 the contractor had cut these back level to my property boundary.

When i purchased the house which was a new build permitted by yourselves there was no TPO planned on the trees, and nothing to indicate that this would occur. Someone in their infinite wisdom and with frankly no practical consideration for the residents which they should have been fully aware of; decided to put a TPO on a number of non native species which border and overhang all of our properties. These had previously been indicated on other impact assessments as of moderate or low value and not worthy of a TPO, and in some cases lean towards our property.

I have no issue with protecting trees if and when they merit it, what you have done here is make it considerably difficult for us as residents to maintain a nice and safe environment for our families, incur significant expense and time. Not only that but when we try to follow the regulations you do not meet your obligations on the timescales.

I would like to understand how you will ensure that these delays will not happen moving forward. I will no doubt need to put these requests in annually and dont want to have the same experience every time.... there are also 15 other houses in a similar position to me on this road.

I have copied in my local ward councillor as I beleive this issue stems from a wider problem due to the obvious workload constraints, it appears that this may well be a symptomatic of a systemic failure. We have had other issues on the development whereby it has been left to residents to inform planning enforcement when developers have not met their section 106 obligations, surely this cannot be left to unqualified persons.

I look forward to your response, and am happy for this to be escalated accordingly.

Best Regards

Stephen Lorimer

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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From: "stephen.lorimer" [REDACTED]

Date: 18/01/2019 18:13 (GMT+00:00)

To: Charlotte Easton <Charlotte.Easton@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: A/143/18/T

Hi Charlotte

Many thanks for the update, could we please agree a revised deadline for the extension of time, 1/02/2019 would seem reasonable given the scale of the application.

I really need to get the work done in february prior to carrying out other work planned for early march, so anything you can do to get this closed out is appreciated.

It may well be worth noting that of the 16 houses that the trees back onto, I am aware that 6 of the houses will be sending in separate applications.

It does seem that subsequently putting the TPO on a non native species (leylandii) so.e 3 years after the new build houses were completed, full well knowing that this would create extra work for both yourselves and the neighbours whom just want to trim the overhanging hedge may not have been a sensible decision.

Could you please also advise the process which needs to be undertaken to get the TPO revoked (felling the trees is not an option).

Best regards

Steve

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From: Charlotte Easton <Charlotte.Easton@arun.gov.uk>

Date: 18/01/2019 16:22 (GMT+00:00)

To: "stephen.lorimer" [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: A/143/18/T

Dear Mr Lorimer,

Thank you for your email.

I can only apologise for the delay in you receiving your decision. Unfortunately I am still awaiting comments from our Tree Officer.

I will email him and request an update.

Many thanks

Charlotte

From: stephen.lorimer [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 January 2019 11:35
To: Charlotte Easton
Subject: A/143/18/T

Good Morning Charlotte,

I understand that my application for works to a tree covered by a TPO is due for decision imminently.

I just wanted to check that you had everything you needed to make a decision and if you would be doing this within the determination period / or required an EOT.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Steve Lorimer

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