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Your Ref: OWPC17281
Our Ref: A/213/17/T 05-12-2017
Please ask for:
Zac Denton

7th February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Fell 3No. Sycamore trees & surgery to various trees.

Land at West Drive Angmering West Sussex

Thank you for your internet representation made on 6th February 2018 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I object in the strongest terms to the felling of the trees as proposed because of the highly detrimental impact the work will have on the visual amenity of the area and character of the Ham Manor estate.

Following the original destruction of the wooded copse, nesting birds and bat roosts, the developers have systematically applied to reduce further the remaining trees and this is yet a further attempt to erode the semi-rural character of the estate. The statutory protection afforded to these trees must surely mean there is a presumption against approval. There is no justifiable reason for removal of the trees particularly the group G28 which afford a degree of visual screening from the new houses which are of particularly poor architectural merit in this setting. Further, group G29 have only been planted in recent years as a result of a previous application and are yet to become established. It seems unwarranted to prune this group whilst they are struggling to survive, as a result of the lack of any on-going maintenance (as required by the original condition to plant them). The tree preservation orders were originally granted for a reason and therefore, the local authority must recognize and uphold the visual amenity the trees afford and not simply roll over and grant consent, as usual. These few remaining trees were there before the developer started building the houses and so their preservation should take precedence. The developers are merely the current custodians of the trees and so short term interventions having devastating long term consequences for the character of the estate, as already witnessed, must be resisted at all costs.

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 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 will 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

Neil Crowther
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