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Your Ref: OWPC18217
Our Ref: A/64/18/T 09-05-2018
Please ask for:
Zac Denton

14th May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Copper Beech (T1) - fell due to approved construction works having compromised the life expectancy. Replant with one *Carpinus betulus* 'Fastigiata' in the same place.
Copper Beech (T2) - fell due to approved construction works having compromised the life expectancy. Replace with 5 x *Sorbus aria* 'Majestica' in locations recommended by the Tree Officer.

Worthing Audi Roundstone By-Pass Road Angmering

Thank you for your internet representation made on 13th May 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

I know that Arun will need to investigate how it happened, for example whether it was willful versus accidental damage caused by turning a blind eye to activities onsite in the rush to bring the development in on time to meet the planned opening at end June beginning July. Or even worse, they just decided that the trees were not the sort they wanted planted in front of their new showroom.

However, how could this happen with the all preventative measures that were supposed to be put place to protect these trees? It is even more surprising when you consider how far apart the 2 trees are from each other.

Arun need to send a clear message to developers that this is an offence that will not be taken lightly and can not be smoothed over by offering to plant a couple of trees in their stead.

Caffyns are obviously aware of their duty to replace the trees, and have been quick to propose planting trees of a different species of the usual sort proposed by developers, to replace them. Replacement trees should be of an appropriate size and species and these clearly are not.

Audi invested 5 million in its new Environmental Foundation with the aim of focusing "exclusively on environmentally minded pursuits for the common good". One of its projects - recognised by the UN - offers new homes for bats and barn owls, amongst other endangered species.

So, if Audi Worthing are truly upset about this and the Beech Trees have to be felled, maybe they should think about showing how upset they are by replacing the "accidentally damaged" trees with suitable sized replacements. Beech trees live for so long they provide habitats for many deadwood specialists such as hole-nesting birds. The bark is often home to a variety of fungi, mosses and lichens. They are particularly suitable for bats - especially if it has cavities in the trunk or branches, woodpecker holes, loose bark, cracks, splits etc.

One small action, but to the local environment and to restore the faith of the community, a very important one.

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 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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