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Your Ref: OWPC18411

Our Ref: A/64/18/T

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Please ask for:
Zac Denton

25th 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 24th May 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

Arun must impose on Caffyns (if not prosecute for wilful criminal damage) a fine that not only reflects the severity of this act, but is also commensurate with Caffyns' corporate wealth. That will send a clear message to all developers and anyone else who thinks they can get away with it. Even then, this will only probably amount to pocket money for them against what they hope to gain. In addition, Arun should insist that the Copper Beech trees are given every chance to survive. If they don't, then Arun should insist that the Copper Beeches are replaced like for like by large mature specimens.

Looking at the plans, the ground inside the trees' root protection area was always going to be excavated to provide additional car parking.

Clearly Caffyns think they are above the law and have probably even factored estimated fines for breaching the TPO into their forecasts for the build cost. This is a case of a company motivated by potential financial gain and is obviously prepared to do anything to increase profits, including carrying out the premeditated criminal act of attempting to destroy two protected trees just to add another couple of parking spaces to their forecourt.

In fact, on 24/11/2017, when reporting their half-year profits: ""Caffyns said that its Audi operations continued to perform well with the planned relocation of its dealership in Worthing to a "significantly larger" site in Angmering in summer of 2018 ensuring that it "can better fulfil its potential"". One can only conclude that in order to make sure the site reaches its full potential, can be easily seen by passers-by and squeeze as many cars onto the forecourt as possible to "fulfil" its profit goals, these two beautiful woodland specimens had to go.

The motoring press reported that Caffyns paid for the site in cash from its existing bank facilities. However, just because they have deep pockets, this does not entitle them to ride roughshod over Arun, or legislation intended to protect the environment and the quality of the neighbourhood.

Looking at the evidence of photos and observations posted on the Angmering Facebook page following the submission of the application, this is an abysmal act and a flagrant flouting of the law! Caffyns' aim was clearly to gain financial benefit by getting rid of these

trees "at any cost".

Unfortunately it is not possible for the council to respond to each representation individually but your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

If the application is to be determined at the Development Control Committee and your letter has been received after the agenda has been published, you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances, it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the website or telephone for further information. Please be advised that any comments received after the the Development Control Agenda has been produced will be reported to the meeting. Please also note that only a small number of all planning applications are determined at the Development Control Committee, most are determined by officers under delegated power.

Planning operates an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the website. 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 does mean that its contents will be disregarded. For details of what we do with your personal information please refer to our privacy statement comments on planning applications which is available on our website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-privacy-statements>.

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

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