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

1st June 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 31st May 2018 which has been recorded as **'an objection'** with the comments as follows:

I object strongly to Caffyns Audi's request to fell these two beautiful Copper Beech Trees. They were covered by a TPO which both Caffyns and their contractors knew about when planning permission was granted. The layout of the site should have taken into account the amount of land needed to ensure their ongoing survival. The requirement for their protection was also stipulated by the Planning Inspector when granting their planning appeal.

How can Caffyns now claim that they did everything they were asked to do? It is clear that they never intended to keep these trees. They were an inconvenience requiring protection measures that would have reduced the number of parking spaces Caffyns Audi could squeeze into the site. Their complete disregard of the local authority appears to have continued even to the point of the contractors moving back the protective fencing just before the visit by Arun's officers. Proof of which was provided in photographs taken by locals.

Offering alternate planting of trees of a type that Caffyns would prefer is not sufficient. Every attempt should be made to keep these trees.

If the damage caused by Caffyns so great that it requires their removal, Caffyns should be made to replace them like for like with mature specimens. This is clearly criminal damage by big business with deep pockets who were happy to take the risk of being prosecuted. If Arun do not make sure that this act of vandalism attracts the maximum fine (which in this case I believe could be unlimited) then I'm not quite sure what use a TPO has.

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.

All representations are published on our website so please make sure your views are clear and only include information that you are happy for the public to view. Do not include personal information or information from third parties unless you have their permission to do so. Do not include information that is defamatory or breaches equality or other legislation. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website and on the 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 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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