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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice

Application No: BE/98/20/TC
Site Address: Liseve Lodge 84 North Bersted Street Bersted PO22 9AQ
Description of works: Fell 2 No. Poplar trees (T1 & T2). Various works to 10 No. Poplar trees (T3 - T12) within the North Bersted Conservation area.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 13th October 2020 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC30362

Firstly, I'd like to note that Arun Council have a responsibility to ensure such planning notifications are adequately displayed in the community, on this occasion visibility of this notification was not adequate and future precautions should be made to ensure the community have an opportunity to review such notifications.

I write to object current plans under reference BE/98/20/TC my reasons for objecting are as follows:

- Sufficient information is not available to understand the condition of the trees T1 & T2 and adequate information on why they are unsafe and should be removed is missing from the current reports available
- Removal of trees T1 & T2 could make future planning applications more likely to be approved. (Note: previous plans on this site have recently been rejected)
- Removal of these tree's is contrary to the Bersted planning document 'Bersted Neighbourhood plans 2014-2029'
- Removal of these tree's significantly risks wildlife
- A second opinion of tree condition should be obtained by a council nominated party

Insufficient information:

The current plan documentation on the Arun website does not give sufficient information on why trees T1 & T2 should be fell. I could understand a reduction in height to promote future growth and ensure the tree's foundations remain well.

I would also suggest a second opinion from a tree surgery to ascertain the best course of action for tree health.

Plans do not align with Bersted's planning document 'Bersted Neighbourhood plans 2014-2019':

This document clearly outlines the plans for bersted and I believe this proposal is contrary to these plans, the plans clearly note the areas aim is to have mature hedging, mature trees, large garden and fields, wildlife, flint walls all of which make a positive contribution to the area, none of which these plans complement. Two fell two beautiful trees is a direct contrary to the plans.

Wildlife risk

It would be important to re-review a previous ecological assessment carried out on the site which clearly outlined a beautiful array of wildlife which in include protected species, ill note poignant parts of the report for your conveyance.

Preliminary Ecological Assessment

Badgers:

Page 5 - Section 2.3 - This report mentions that signs of Badgers were recorded but does not specify in the report what the recordings are. I would therefore suggest further assessment of badgers is taken as it would be clear to me that the site is the perfect setting for badgers.

Bats:

Page 18 - Table 1 - Clearly suggests that the potential for bats to roost is high in 'T1, T2 & T3' I can also confirm that I often see bats during the evening.

Page 19 - clearly shows that 5 species of bats are known within the area within 1km.

Great Crested Newts:

Page 20 - Section 3.7 clearly mentions the site being an ideal spot for Great Crested Newts within flowerbeds and railway sleepers the report also mentions a notable sighting of the GCN's within the pond noted as Pond 1 within the report.

Birds:

I'd implore you to come and stand within my garden to witness the breath-taking sound and visual sight of the wildlife which would be endangered by this proposal.

Future plans:

It is my belief that the felling of these trees will make way for future planning applications as the grounds these trees fall in are within the area of a previous housing proposal. Approval of this application may be a way to gain approval for housing in the future.

Proper consideration should be given to ensure this proposal does not make way for future proposals.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish your comments on the website. Please make sure that you have only provided information that you are happy will be published in this way. If you have supplied information belonging to a third party, you must make sure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the website or on the file you will need to confirm this by emailing to planning@arun.gov.uk and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that the content will then be disregarded.

The majority of applications are determined under delegated powers by officers. Further information on the decision making process can be found on the website at <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-decision-process>.

Some applications will be determined by the Development Control Committee, and I shall write and inform you of the date of the meeting and the procedures for public speaking if this is the case. However, if your representation has been received after the agenda for the meeting has been finalised and the notifications have been generated, you will not receive notification. In this case, you will need to track the progress of the

application on the council's website <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>

Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Development Control Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
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If you have provided an email address, all correspondence including the decision notice will be sent by email. It is therefore important that you keep us informed if this changes during the course of this application.