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Re Planning application ref B/36/10
revisions to TREE HOUSE refused
under ref. B/14/10

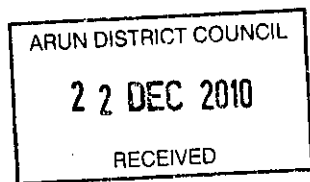
Dear Sir

We write as neighbours of The Thatch Bellman, as we are quite unable to understand why they are having a problem with this application.

There is nothing unsightly to be seen of this tree house within the environs of Wepham, in fact it is invisible from the Burpham lane, i.e. the approach to the village.

It really does seem an unnecessary bureaucracy to interfere

17th December
2010.



2 Rosemount Cottage
Wepham
Aundel
West Sussex
BN18 9RF.
re
B/14/10

Dear Committee,

I am fully supportive of this ^{ACK} revised application feeling saddened that the planning officer decided against, what I can describe as an amazing place from my experience that the birdlife can happily visit and feed from. David and Bonnie very kindly invited me to make studies and photograph the birds sometimes capturing rare types of Owls that the residence can witness on camera from this rural part of

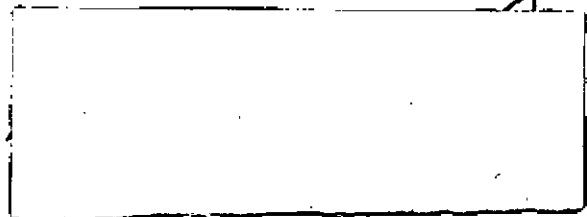
Arundel.

I feel strongly against certain neighbours who believe this treehouse obstructs their views or that you can see into houses from, I totally disagree!

When I drive back along the main Warrington and Wepham road to where I live I see more of a recently built decking to the back of a detached property not too far from the couples house than I see the treehouse. This is a very petty complaint, therefore, surprised the application failed! I would like to ask the Committee to reconsider and allow what I believe

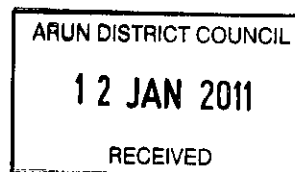
is a wonderful addition to the couples garden
and not forgetting the birds who regularly
visit there!

Yours Sincerely



No 2.

Mr P Cleveland
The Planning Department
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF



29th December 2010

Dear Sir

ACK

Re: Planning Application B/36/10-Revisions to Tree House refused under ref: B/14/1

I am writing to express my total support for the above application. I, and others in the community are well aware that the original construction of this tree house was undertaken in it's current format on the advice of the original case officer some two years ago. We understand that due to a rule change it became necessary to submit a retrospective application. We are also aware that in addition to there being no objection from the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and West Sussex County Council's Conservation Officer, the application was supported and recommended for approval by the case officer. We have learned that following a call from the case officer that the application was to be 'signed off' by another officer, a further call was received advising that this officer had subsequently decided to reverse his position and would now refuse the application. In view of the various supporting statements made by those committee representatives who had actually viewed the treehouse we consider such action extremely arbitrary. We also understand that this officer has refused various requests for a meeting to discuss the situation even though other officers have written accepting the proposal. The way that this matter has been conducted has indeed raised eyebrows amongst the local rate paying community.

As far as the treehouse is concerned we have visited it quite frequently with our young son to view the nesting birds who have adopted the structure in different locations and it was a great thrill for him to see the fledglings grow. I think it would be a travesty to remove this nesting area and consider that the new suggested planting alone would serve as sufficient camouflage for the treehouse not to be seen ever again from the field side and would thus serve as extra cover for the fledglings against predators.

Yours since

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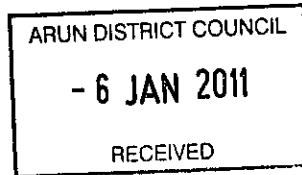
Michael Cheney
The George and Dragon
Burpham
Arundel
BN18 9PR

4th January 2011

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*Splash Farm Barn,
Burpham
West Sussex,
BN18 9RJ.*

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Re Planning Application ref B/36/10 – Revision to tree house refused under Ref B/14/10

Dear Mr Cleveland,

I am writing to you to support the revised application from Mr. and Mrs Bellman at Thomas Cottage, Wepham.

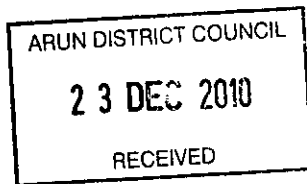
The tree house is an attractive structure and has already blended in well to its surrounds, indeed it is hardly visible from the road. Most of the near neighbours do not object and the revisions go a long way towards a compromise situation.

Therefore I ask that you approve this application for them.

Elizabeth White

01903 882072

6 Council Cottages
Weysham
Arundel
West Sussex
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21st December 2010
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Dear Mr Cleveland

RE. PLANNING APPLICATION REF. B/36/10
REVISION TO THE TREE HOUSE REFUSED
UNDER REF. B/14/10

We are writing to you in respect of
this case following review of the
amended plans.

We consider that the smaller form
of the tree house is an attractive
structure that is only visible in very
close proximity and has no adverse
impact on the local area.

We are therefore fully supportive of
this revised application

Yours sincerely

MRS
MA



Herries Cottage
87 Burphram
Arundel
West Sussex
BN18 9RJ

20/12/2010.

Dear Mr Cleveland

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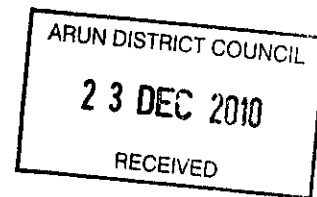
Re: Planning Application ref B/36/10 - Revisions to
tree house refused under ref B/14/10

We are writing to you in relation to this
case following a review of the amended plans.
We live in Burphram and know the area well.

We consider the tree house to be an attractive
structure that is only visible in very close
proximity, and which has no adverse impact
on the local area. We are therefore fully
supportive of this revised application.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Cleveland
The Planning Departement
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF



20th December 2010

Dear Sirs

ACK

Re: Planning Application B/36/10 – Revisions to Tree House refused under ref: B/14/10

I am writing with regard to the planning application referenced above. In my view, the modifications planned to be carried out, and as listed below, to the existing tree house would not have an adverse impact to the local area.

The planned changes are :-

- The reduction in height
- Reduction in platform
- Removal of supports
- Installation of shutters and doors
- Additional landscaping and planting

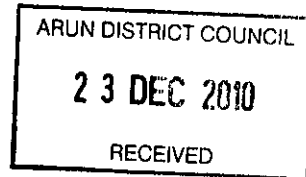
I therefore state that I have no objection to the application and support it's approval.

Yours Sincerely

C J Hales
105 Wepham
Arundel
West Sussex
BN18 9RA

Tel: 01903 885404

Jackie & Mike Ramseyer
May Cottage
Wepham
West Sussex
BN18 9RE



Mr P Cleveland
The Planning Department
Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre,
Maltravers Road
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20/12/2010

Re: Planning Application ref B/36/10 - revisions to tree house refused under ref B/14/10

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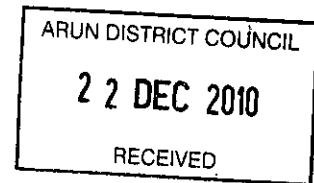
Dear Mr Cleveland

We are writing to you in support of the Planning Application ref B/36/10 - revisions to tree house refused under ref B/14/10.

We have lived in Wepham for several years and are neighbours to Mr & Mrs Bellman and have no objections whatsoever to their tree house in its present or any future state.

It is sympathetically constructed and as far as we are concerned has no adverse visual impact on the area in any way, and we thus fully support their revised application.

[Signature]
Jackie & Mike Ramseyer



1 Council Cottages
Wepham
Arundel
West Sussex
BN18 9RF

20 December 2010

Reference: Planning Application
Reference: B/36/10
Revision to Tree House under reference B/14/10

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Dear Mr Cleveland

I am writing to you in relation to the above mentioned case, following review of the amended plans. I live at no 1 Council Cottages Wepham, a short distance from the structure. I consider the tree house to be a purposeful and attractive structure, that in my opinion has no adverse impact on the local area.

As an enthusiast on viewing wildlife, I use the platform to observe the vast and diverse range of birds and animals that frequent the fields and hedgerows adjacent to the tree house.

I would consider it a major loss to the area if it could not be used, and therefore, I am fully support of this revised application.

Ian Fenton

Kevin Foster
The Brow
Wepham
Arundel
West Sussex
BN18 9RE

Your Ref: Inet 000010046
Our Ref: B/36/10/
Please ask for:
Mr P Cleveland

11th January 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Revisions to tree house refused under reference B/14/10
Thomas Cottage 104 The Splash Wepham

Thank you for your internet representation made on 10th January 2011 which has been recorded as **an objection** with the comments as follows:

I note that this application, B/36/10, to which I object, is a revision to application, B/14/10, which was refused, and to which I also objected. I would add that I cannot see the structure from my property, and my views are therefore not clouded by any adverse impact this structure may have on my property. ☐

☐
I have read the documents submitted by the applicants and their agents, in particular the Planning Support Statement, and the Design and Access Statement. My comments, and the basis for my objection, are based on the Design and Access Statement, and where I have numbered my comments, the numbering pertains to that of the D&A Statement. ☐

☐
2.1 Use - I feel that to refer to a structure 5.2 metres high, and 3.2 metres wide, as inconspicuous, is something of a contradiction of terms, even without the 3 metre high, fluorescent blue, illuminated Christmas Tree which was affixed to it for a period leading up to Christmas. ☐

☐
2.2 Amount - In the revised application, the height of the structure will be reduced by 800mm. To achieve this, from the various drawings accompanying the application, it would appear that the top spike only is being removed, and the height of the main body of the structure is actually unchanged. In any event, this "reduction" only represents 13%, and not the 27% the reader is encouraged to believe. ☐

☐
2.3 Layout - I do not feel that the reduction in the visual "footprint and envelope" (I assume this means impact) is anything like significant enough, and feel that it will still be unacceptably prominent when viewed from the south and west. ☐

☐
2.4 Scale - This section repeats what has previously been said, and I would reiterate that the proposed reduction in height is minimal. ☐

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2.5 Landscaping - I fail to see how 3 copper beech trees @ 3.2 metres high will provide immediate screening to a structure which is proposed to be 5.2 metres high. ☐

☐
2.6 Appearance - I do not regard the reduction in height of the tree house as significant, particularly as it is only an aesthetic feature which is being removed. The bulk of the height remains unaltered. ☐

☐
Despite the amended scale, design and appearance, I remain of the view that it is not completely at ease within its setting. ☐

☐
I would also contest that 3.5 metre high trees will "in future provide a complete visual

screen to the site" when the proposed structure is planned to be 5.2 metres high: If it is suggested that ultimately, the copper beech trees will, when matured, provide a "complete visual screen", then I can't see the point of watching "fauna" from it, as any views will surely be obscured.□

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I would add that the property to which this application relates, is sufficiently elevated, in the context of it's environs, to observe fauna adequately without the need for a hide of such exaggerated proportions.□

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My view is still that the original decisions to reject the application, and that of the Planning Inspectorate to refuse the subsequent appeal, were correct. "The highly visible form of development is unacceptable" and fails to "preserve or enhance the character of the Conservation Area, in addition to which it is considered to be detrimental to the visual amenities of, and represent an undesirable intrusion into the countryside and National Park".

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 may 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

Karl Roberts
Assistant Director Planning Services & Housing Strategy