

Janice Chapman

From: Dr Sue Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 December 2012 23:23
To: Janice Chapman
Cc: Karl Roberts
Subject: Application no. EG/62/12/TC

Dear Mrs Chapman

Re: Application Number: EG/62/12/TC
Beech Tree
Shannock, Church Lane, Eastergate PO20 3UT

We wish to support our neighbour in appealing the decision made by the council on 15 November 2012, objecting to this application.

Our neighbour, Mr Bernard-Smith, made the application to reduce the size of the tree because it has now reached such a height and spread as to block natural light when in full leaf and to cause obstruction to telephone lines, which run adjacent and through the branches of the tree. Furthermore, the lower branches overhang Church Lane, causing pedestrians to veer into the middle of the road when walking past the tree. This is especially relevant because this part of Church Lane is the main pedestrian route to Eastergate Primary School and there is no footpath.

The beech tree is indeed a fine example and we agree that it should be preserved but its height is now excessive for a residential area. Minimal 'pruning' of the tree would be of little use because it is likely to grow to excessive height again in a very short time.

Finally, thank you for your efforts to preserve a feature of this area. Eastergate is a lovely village. We hope that your colleagues in Planning Services will share your concern and preserve our area's character by abandoning their draft plan to allow development of over 2000 houses on the fields which lie between the villages of Eastergate, Barnham, Westergate and Aldingbourne.

Thank you for recording our appeal.

Yours sincerely

Dr Mark Bentley and Mrs Susan Bentley