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Our Ref: EP/88/14/T

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Please ask for:
Mr D Sullivan

24th June 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Crown lift of 7 m and reduction of the top and lateral canopy and sides of 1.5 m to 1 No.
Canadian Maple

5 Meadow Park East Preston

Thank you for your internet representation made on 23rd June 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

I feel that the proposed works to the Canadian Maple tree are unnecessary. It is the only tree left in a line that was ripped out to make way for the new bungalow back in 2007 and is regarded as a landmark tree to local residents. Being stood for over 100 years, it has reached maturity and never been an issue in terms for safety. I also believe the tree is home to bats.

Being a local Tree surgeon, in my opinion, the tree is quite safe and in no danger of crashing down on Mr Good's double garage. I already removed a branch which was a potential danger to the garage roof under an application back in 2010.

I can only presume that the main reason for wanting work carried out is the annoyance of leaves falling on Mr. Good's side. Therefore, i really don't see that a reduction of the top and lateral branches by 1.5m and a crown lift is going to make any difference to falling leaves. If anything, i think any all round prune will make the tree look unnatural and 'stubby' because (after inspection) there are no real good growth points to cut back to that could be sure of regeneration, which increases the risk of 'die back' and in turn decreasing the amenity value of the tree.

Of course, if there are certain branches that are really hanging low and causing, or could cause a problem then obviously they need to be shortened back, maintaing it's natural shape.

In the general scheme of things i think this work will be a waste of time and money and that Mr Good should continue to relish the health benefits of raking leaves!

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 will 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
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