

Dear Mrs Gardner,

As you have granted an extension to the Planning Application FG/174/17/PL presumably to help the people who have put in the application, I happened to find some before and after satellite images of the property that you may find interesting.

On your Arun District Council web-site you have a link to some maps. This must be quite old because it shows the properties in question before the first Planning application was submitted and shows how many trees, etc. there were on the property. Please see the 'before' image below:



According to the Arborical Implications Assessment survey done at the time, there were 65 trees on the property. Please compare this to the 'after' image from Google Earth which is obviously a lot more recent:



The Officers report for the previous planning application that was refused, and is also on your web-site, has this statement in it:

*"It is recommended that an extended phase one habitat survey is undertaken to support the planning application with particular attention to the possible presence of bats and reptiles. All recommended follow up surveys to be completed to support the planning application. The results from the survey would be expected to influence the design and timing of the development."*

As you can see from the above, there was obviously no 'phase one habitat survey' carried out and subsequent actions were taken to remove nearly all of the trees and shrubs.

I'm afraid that if you approve this current Planning Application, then you are setting a dangerous precedent. It suggests that the restrictions and dictates of the Planning Office can simply be ignored by the submitters of subsequent Planning Applications and that surely can't be allowed to happen.

In my opinion, the Planning Office should insist on the trees, hedges and shrubs to be returned to their previous level of maturity, then carry out the wildlife survey and then look into a new Planning Application as you had as a previous restriction.

Regards,

Andrew Rennell