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Sent: 19 February 2019 11:20
To: Planning.Responses
Subject: FP/274/18/PL

Rep from Ward Councillor.

On 17 Feb 2019, at 13:44, Cllr. Paul English <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I think there are a number of points that are in need of a response.
Some interesting planning objections that are quite serious.

Please can I be copied into any response and will this go as a committee decision.

The planing objections are clear and quite valid. In filling like this is not good for the community.

I would like to support the objections and seek a full response as we would not wish to support breaches to the local and neighbourhood plans.

I do wish I had not missed this and brought it to your attention sooner. I am sure you will review the concerns noted in the documents.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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[REDACTED]
Date: 17/02/2019 10:01 (GMT+00:00)
To: Paul English [REDACTED]
Subject: Avoidance of Felpham Neighbourhood Plan 2013-2029 Policy ESD9

Dear Mr English

Good morning.

My wife and I are new residents to Felpham, having purchased a property in Felpham Gardens last year. Unfortunately a considerable amount of our time has been occupied resolving problems, repairs, essential maintenance to make the property habitable and we have not yet relocated.

In late summer last year we noticed that the large, mature trees at No 10 Felpham Gardens, were being cut down and one in the corner of King George V Park had also been removed, leaving large stumps exposed.

Last week I became belatedly aware of the proposal to demolish the current, somewhat dilapidated, dormer bungalow on the site and construct 2 dormer bungalows.

I subsequently researched the Arun Council Plan and the Felpham Neighbourhood Plan in respect of environmental issues, particularly the protection and care of trees during site development. I was dismayed to conclude that the removal of the trees had in fact been an apparent precursor for the proposal to construct two dormer bungalows on the site. From my reading of both the Arun Council Plan and the Felpham Neighbourhood Plan, any site development should address the protection of trees and the incorporation of trees into any planned construction. Clearly the purposeful removal of the trees from the site last year prior to the submission of development plans, was designed to evade/avoid compliance with Arun and Felpham Plans related to tree protection and incorporation of trees into the site development.

There are also other issues, not only relating to the environmental damage done by the removal of so many trees from one particular area of KGVP, which I have addressed in my correspondence to Arun District Council.

Unfortunately, by the time I was able to prepare an appropriate letter of objection, the date for the submission of objections had passed. Nevertheless, I hand-delivered the attached package to Arun District Council offices on the day before the advertised "Decision Day".

What I did note during my review of the correspondence on the Planning Site, was that there had apparently been three internet comments made by Felpham Parish Council recorded as "No Objection" to the planned development, which I felt to be in contravention of the particularly strongly stated paragraph in the Felpham Neighbourhood Plan that the destruction of trees should be resisted. I would appreciate your comment/s on why the Parish Council did not comment on the removal of the trees when submitting its "No Objection" decision.

I have attached the three documents which I submitted to the Planning Department at Arun District Council relating to this matter for your information.

I appreciate there may be areas of repetition in the cross referencing of the various issues within the documents, however, I felt it appropriate to fully address comments in the Rodway Consultancy submission and its failure to comment on, or report, the prior removal of so many mature trees from the site which I believe had been carried out specifically to avoid compliance with Arun Council and Felpham Neighbourhood Planning Policies requiring incorporation of existing trees into any development plans.

I believe with the national emphasis on protection of the environment there should be wider publicity in the local and national press on this type of pre-planned "policy avoidance" site development activity.

To positively and proactively address issues such as this arising, I have suggested in my letter to Arun District Council that all "Tree management" companies should be

required to notify the relevant council of any applications received for tree removal - for review, physical site inspection and approval/rejection in accordance with e.g. Felpham Neighbourhood Plan.

Kind regards

Chris Jackson

<Cover letter to Council re no 10 plan submitted.docx>

<Executive Summary as submitted concise re no 10 plan.docx>

<Objection to no 10 plan as submitted.docx>