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Your Ref: OWPC15598
Our Ref: LU/286/17/T 22-08-2017
Please ask for:
Zac Denton

18th September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Reduce and reshape 1No. Holm Oak by 3 metres
38 River Road Littlehampton

Thank you for your internet representation made on 16th September 2017 which has been recorded as '**support**' with the comments as follows:

After many years of trying, it is so good to see that the owners of the tree in question have finally taken responsibility for its management. This vigorous evergreen holm oak tree has been allowed to grow unchecked for many years and is now far too big for its residential setting. It completely covers my neighbour's driveway at number 35 River Road and now significantly overhangs my property at 34.

Being evergreen it harbours roosting pigeons all year round, but particularly in the winter months causing droppings to cover our paths, driveways, cars and the public pavement. Its immense size now blocks natural light from many properties and envelops street lighting. Excess pollen dust, sap deposit, leaves and dead branches cause problems at various times of the year.

The tree adds some character to the River Road Conservation Area, but is now in serious need of cutting back and managing properly. This will of course be good for the tree in the long term, yet improve the lives of neighbouring tenants, home owners and other people who visit River Road. I look forward to Arun District Council granting permission for works to the tree and for its owner to complete them promptly.

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

Neil Crowther
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