Damian Sullivan

n: Damian Sullivan
Sent: 17 September 2013 14:53
To: [redacted]
bject: RE: APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE UNDER YOUR REF: M/62/13/T

Dear Mr. Carter,

Thank you for your e-mail which has been forwarded to me for consideration as I am the Case Officer for this application. Please address any further correspondence to me as I am responsible for your application.

There are certain specified timescales that are built in to the planning process and this application for tree works to a protected tree is no different. There must be at least 21 days for publicity by way of a site notice and advertisement in the newspaper to allow any representations to be received. Due to this time period, we cannot make a decision on this application before the 17th October 2013 at the earliest as it would be contravening planning legislation to do otherwise. Therefore, there is no process by which this, or any other application, can be fast-tracked. The expiry date for the application is 29th October 2013.

I visited your property this morning where I discussed the matter with your wife, viewed the tree and displayed the site notice. I have since called Ian Brewster – our arboriculturalist – who has confirmed that he visited your property last week and agrees that there is no exemption under the criteria of 'dead, dying or dangerous' by which you can undertake the necessary works to the tree beforehand (which is why it was necessary to apply for it).

I hope this information is of assistance to you. However, please call me on [redacted] if it is easier to discuss this matter on the telephone for further explanation of our processes.

Regards,

Damian Sullivan
Planning Officer
Arun District Council.

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**From:** J & R Carter [redacted]
**Sent:** 15 September 2013 15:00
**To:** Planning
**Subject:** APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE UNDER YOUR REF: M/62/13/T

***FOR THE ATTENTION OF:*** ***Mr K ROBERTS, Assistant Director Planning & Economic Regeneration***

Dear Sir

With reference to your subject letter dated 13 September. Firstly, let me state that we are aware that Mr D Sullivan is the Case Officer, nonetheless the work is of a very minor nature, but is in turn urgent, and we did request the go-ahead to be fast tracked so we can have a swift decision from the Council – hence we have addressed this email to you. This fast decision turnaround was stated in our application letter of 2 September and was unfortunately unacknowledged.

The affected tree has ***NOT*** an individual TPO on it but subject to a very loose blanket order issued over 42 years ago; - hence, the work we need to undertake surely does not warrant an exhaustive planning process along with expensive Council officers time in the approval process? The work takes on additional urgency whereby our neighbour wants to renew the fence under the affected branches and as the branch lopping will damage a new fence; - he has agreed to place his fencing work on hold until the branches are removed. In all fairness, we cannot



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expect our neighbour to wait until, quite possibly the 29 October, for us to receive the Council's decision. Further, there is an extended branch that is dead which gives rise to safety considerations. To assist the Council we provided 3 sets of applications, drawings and photos so we strictly observed the initial processes, - however, we feel strongly that surely the Council have some procedural/contingency measures for very minor works to be given th urgent permission to proceed – if only to safeguard taxpayer's money?

Please may we have your decision to commence the work by Monday, 23 September.

Yours faithfully

R I Carter



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