

10 Bushby Avenue
Rustington
West Sussex
BN16 2BZ

14 April 2018

RE: Ref R/14/18/T - Raise crown of 1No. Cedar tree to 5.5m - 6m over carriageway Land R/O 12
Bushby Avenue Rustington

Dear Sirs,

We would like to object to the above planning application.

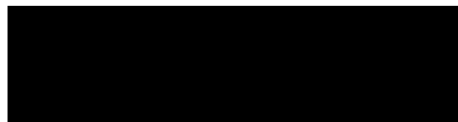
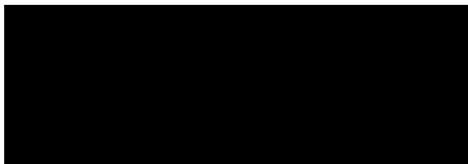
The applicant has given no reason for the proposed works other than the vague statement of 'potential nuisance'. It is believed that the applicant has not had the courtesy to consult with the land owners where this tree is sited and has given no thought to their property and continuing privacy. To prune the tree on one side has the potential to leave it in a dangerous condition because of the likely in-balance that would be caused.

Bats are roosting in this tree and it is our understanding that bats and their roosts are protected by law? The presence of bats in this tree has been pointed out on several occasions on the objections raised on previous planning applications. It is therefore our belief that the applicant is aware that this tree is home to bats.

The tree has been in existence long before the applicant took residence in Rustington and to our knowledge has not been an issue to any neighbouring properties or previous land owners. We do not believe there is any evidence that the tree is diseased, therefore there is no suggestion that it is currently a hazard, or likely to become a future hazard?

We are confused as to the existence and position of the overhanging bush? The main offending bush appears to be on the 'south side' of the rear fence of No 12 Bushby?

The applicant has his own trees overhanging the same piece of private land. Presumably the applicant considers these lower overhanging branches an existing nuisance/danger?



There now appear to have been a few 'tree pruning' planning applications, from the applicant – one particular Sycamore tree at the rear of No 10/12 Bushby Avenue requiring 3 lots of maintenance within 6 months (R/248/17/T, R/205/17/T & R/157/17/T)? The applicant has now moved on to a tree that is situated inside a neighbouring property - is it possible that it is the applicant being the nuisance, rather than the trees?

<u>R/157/17/T</u>	7 Waverley Road Rustington BN16 2DX	Waverley Court (Freehold) Ltd	18-07-17	Remove lower suckers from trunk of 1 No. Sycamore tree.
<u>R/205/17/T</u>	R/O 10 - 12 Bushby Avenue Rustington BN16 2DX	Mr G J John	18-09-17	Prune back branches overhanging north boundary wall & roofing by 300- 500mm to 1 No. Sycamore tree.
<u>R/248/17/T</u>	Rear of 10-12 Bushby Avenue Rustington BN16 2DZ	Waverley Court (Freehold) Ltd	06-11-17	Crown lift to 1No.Sycamore tree to provide a ground clearance of 6m maximum and removal of basal suckers.

As always, we have a concern that any work undertaken by the applicant has the potential to cause damage to neighbouring properties.