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Your Ref: OWPC15850

Our Ref: R/205/17/T

18-09-2017

Please ask for:

Zac Denton

16th October 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Prune back branches overhanging north boundary wall & roofing by 300-500mm to 1
No. Sycamore tree.

R/O 10 - 12 Bushby Avenue Rustington

Thank you for your internet representation made on 14th October 2017 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

The applicant is requesting all the branches on the south side of the tree to be cut off up to half a metre outside the side wall of 7, Waverley Road i.e. cut them off level with the outer road side of the wall and then chop off up to another half a metre. This is a considerable reduction of all the branches. In fact it is cutting off almost half the tree!

Cutting off half the tree will make it unbalanced, and lop-sided. It will destroy the natural shape of the tree. As the prevailing wind is south westerly it may possibly put the tree, property and inhabitants of 10 Bushby Avenue and 12 Bushby Avenue at risk.

No detail has been provided identifying the actual work to be done and there is no clear statement of what is required in terms of suitable tree work. Many of the south facing branches grow over the end of Waverley Road and are nowhere near number 7.

The applicant has ticked the box stating that he has given a reason for this request of works but he has not. There is no justification given at all for this application and there are no good arboricultural reason for these works to be carried out.

Any proposed works require proper assessment by a professional independent arboriculturist.

This tree is a significant feature in the local landscape. It is an important element of the natural environment for the local residents. It is mature and has a good natural shape. It is sound and healthy. Any change to the tree above the height of 2 metres is likely to have a detrimental impact on the immediate environment.

The proposed mutilation would result in a great reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality in direct conflict with policies DEV1 of the West Sussex Structure Plan and GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

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
Group Head of Planning