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Your Ref: OWPC16450
Our Ref: R/248/17/T 06-11-2017
Please ask for:
Amber Willard

29th November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Various surgery to 1No. Sycamore tree.
Rear of 10-12 Bushby Avenue Rustington

Thank you for your internet representation made on 28th November 2017 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

This is the second unnecessary application made by this resident, although this time he is using his business details. I strongly object to the application. My objections are as follows:

The tree has not been identified by Arun District Council's tree officer to be a hazard or to require any tree surgery which should be enough to prevent any application.

The tree is sound and healthy any alteration is unnecessary and may in fact be detrimental. There is the danger that any works whether by accident or intent will overstep their restrictions, thus creating a situation whereby the tree would become a hazard. The applicant for whatever reason seems determined to have this valuable natural feature removed. It would be hard to police planning restrictions on any works done under his instruction.

Trees are a valuable resource for animals and humans, their importance in our ever increasing urbanisation cannot be over stated.

This tree is important as a habitat and is adjacent to a bat roost, any works will impact on the feeding and breeding of an endangered native mammal. Bats require a stable environment.

Arun District Plan values the retaining of natural features of which this tree is one and should set great store by local feeling in the retaining of this tree in it's current healthy unaltered condition as a valuable local amenity.

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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