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RE: Application Ref. AWDM/1497/15 (2-Amelia Close, Southwick, Brighton, West Sussex).

Dear Mr Sergeant,

I am writing to you with respect to the application for consent under **Adur Tree Preservation Order No. 13.53-2-15(SW) of 2015** to fell and replace one Holm Oak tree T2 and one Sycamore tree T4 (**application ref. AWDM/1497/15**).

It was a great surprise to see that an application has been made to fell and replace these trees especially as this application comes so soon after receiving a letter from ADC Legal Services (dated 5th October 2015, ref 010779-cb-ap/440968/ddg) stating that the Adur Tree Preservation Order No.13.53-2-15(SW) associated with this application had been confirmed on 28th September 2015.

I had previously made representation to you regards the maintaining of Tree Preservation Order (TPO No.13.53-2-15(SW) as I felt very strongly that all the trees on the Amelia Close development should remain (see attached representation, emailed to you 11th August 2015) and for the same reasons in that representation I strongly object to the trees T2 and T4 now being felled and replaced. The trees are indeed a well established feature of the road next to a conservation area and provide a habitat for the many varieties of birds and insects, as well as the squirrels in the area. The trees identified in the application help shield our property from the noise of Southwick Street. We were assured that when the Amelia Close Development was built that all the trees would remain.
If the trees are felled any replacement would take decades to grow to the same maturity. Would the existing trees be replaced by identical species should the application be upheld? It is assumed that any newly planted trees as replacement would not be covered by a Tree Preservation Order?

It is difficult to understand how a Tree Preservation Order can be confirmed on these trees by the Council, and then a few weeks later, felling of these trees can even be considered unless the trees are an immediate danger to the public. When the recent development was built the position and size of the trees T2 and T4 (and indeed all the trees) would have been

taken into consideration and if they were a problem the buildings would have been sited accordingly. The residents of Amelia Close were well aware that their development was surrounded by mature trees both on the site itself and along the boundary of my property and with that of the property to the north of Amelia Close. Why do they want the healthy trees removed? The letter received from ADC Legal Services clearly states that if you disagree with the Council's decision on the Tree Preservation Order you can challenge it by applying to the High Court under sections 284 and 288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Has the applicant (2-Amelia Close) challenged the TPO in the High Court and won?

I thought the outside space of the development was shared by **all** the residents, if so, do the occupants of 2 Amelia Close making the application represent the views of **all** the other residents and that **all** the residents want the trees removed?

If the trees are felled what is the point of having a Tree Preservation Order at all!

I hope these comments are taken into consideration and that the application to fell and replace these trees is NOT upheld.

Regards

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Wendy Allen

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 6:17 PM
To: 'jeremy.sergeant@adur.gov.uk'
Subject: Tree Preservation Order 13.53/2/15/(SW)-Amelia Close

Dear Mr Sergeant,

With regards to the Tree Preservation Order 13.53/2/15/(SW)-11 Amelia Close and grounds south of flats 1-9 Amelia Close, I have been trying to ring you regarding the above order but your telephone number sited in the letter sent to us does not receive incoming calls! I have lived at 15 Croft Avenue (for nearly 20 years), the property immediately bordering the eastern boundary of Amelia Close. I strongly support the application that the Tree Preservation Order be maintained. The trees are indeed a well established feature of the road next to a conservation area and provide a habitat for the many variety of birds and insects as well as the squirrels in the area and help shield our property from the noise of Southwick Street. We were assured that when the Amelia Close Development was built that all the trees would remain and were not made aware that when the planning consent expired the trees would no longer be protected. It would indeed be a huge loss to the road if the trees were removed. I hope these comments will be taken into consideration and that the Tree Preservation Order will be upheld.

I would also like to point out that last year the Mulberry tree in the garden (newly called Southwick Square Garden, formerly Croft Avenue Rest Gardens) within the conservation area to the west of Amelia Close was decorated with many blue Christmas lights with the power being supplied from one of the houses in Amelia Close, this I think should not be allowed.

Kind Regards

Wendy Allen