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Sent: 07 March 2023 12:44
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Subject: Re: Decision Notice -P-23-0029-2

To Whom Its May Concern

We write to appeal against the decision outlined in the below communication, as made by The Council on 16 February 2023.

Our appeal is on the grounds of:

- > The Council appear to have made their decision on a single dimensional basis i.e. ONLY the appearance of the tree and without any regard for the other matters outlined in our application or the below, or for any one else's views;
- > "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" and whilst the appearance of the tree in the view of the Council contributes to the area, there are many others who have commented to us (including neighbours who inhabit the location) that the tree is far less appealing and too large for the vicinity than the Council believe;
- > the tree was planted in 1996, many years after the TPO upon which the Council wish to rely was granted. It seems unfair that the tree is protected by a piece of protective legislation that was never intended for this particular tree;
- > the tree has significantly grown over the 10 years we have lived here and will continue to do so. The tree dominates the front garden, preventing us (including our young children) from using the garden for leisure and sporting activities;
- > the tree has/is growing into the other surrounding trees in our garden, reducing our/everyone's enjoyment of them. As the tree continues to grow, the garden will become overgrown and untidy. Surely this isn't in anyone's interests, and will arguably only detract from its visual contribution to the surrounding area?
- > the tree has grown to such an extent that its roots are damaging surrounding walls. As the tree continues to grow, how long will it be until the damage it is causing spreads, to surrounding drives and walls.
- > there appears to be little/no consideration for our replacement plans for the tree i.e. the replacement of a smaller, more athletically pleasing tree which allows us to use the garden for what a garden is intended, to reduce the incidence of root damage and to preserve a habitat for wildlife to continue to enjoy;
- > the Council's decision contradicts the decision of it's Planning and Regeneration Department, who don't appear to have an issue with our plans;
- > with all due respect to The Council, there appears to be little consistency in its decision making on the matter of protecting trees and TPO's. Where was The Council's regard for 'visual contribution and appearance" to the locality when they granted the authority to destroy two trees facing my property five years ago, and allow the development in their place of a inappropriately large dwelling which is completely out of character with and intimidatingly dominates the rest of the street? Where was the regard or concern for visual appearance and wildlife when it granted the destruction of trees and habitat to make way for the development of Flanders Close or The Old Glebe. Where was its regard when it permitted the destruction of trees and habitat at the back of Warwick Avenue a few years ago, or land on Buddon Lane/Wyvernhoie Drive, again to allow property development in its place. It would appear that the Council are happy to allow trees to be felled in favour of large scale property development, rather than, in our case, the replacement of a single tree and for the

preservation of habitat and an aesthetically pleasing front garden for all to enjoy with a space to encourage play and leisure for our young children.

In light of the above, I urge The Council to reconsider, and you have our full commitment to and assurances that any plans we have for our front garden will only improve its contribution to the surrounding area, which we of course respect, and is in the upmost of our minds when planning this change.

Kind regards
Steve and Emma English