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11th July 2014

Dear Miss Fern

Ref: DF/PLAN/64
91 Parkway

You wrote to my husband and I individually to inform us of a tree preservation order placed on our neighbours garden trees, at 91 Parkway, Eastbourne. Your letter informed us of the extent of the order and asked us if we had any objections or comments regarding this order, and that they must be submitted to you by 14th July 2014. (We are responding in just the one correspondence to save cost but we have both signed this letter as we are both in agreement with each others opinions and therefore hope that our opinions will be considered individually as we were contacted individually.)

Our neighbours moved into 91 Parkway in May of this year, and as work speedily commenced on the garden, it appears that the garden was high on their priorities, as there is much work to do in the house and garden.

Having spoken to our neighbours it appears that the order was placed on the garden after some consultations and discussions at the property, and after, with yourselves and somewhere along the line it appears that there is concern by the Council that our neighbours wish to remove a considerable amount of trees that would in your opinion significantly effect the contribution to the visual amenities of the area and that this loss would be detrimental to those amenities. From my discussion with our new neighbours we are led to believe that this is not the case. My understanding is that their priority is to remove T2/3 and 4 as these trees are rather dense and close to the pre existing swimming pool. The tree sheds a considerable amount of dead wood and pine needles which causes a problem to the pool and its users. We feel, we are fair in saying that our neighbours wish to take full advantage of the position of the house and garden on the downs and a small terrace was planned at this location to appreciate the view and this is the only position on the plot which receives maximum sunlight and the view of the sea. We do not consider this unreasonable. Whilst these Yew trees are beautiful and should be respected for their age, they are indeed dense in nature and certainly do restrict the sun, but there are still plenty of other yew trees in this area that can be appreciated inside the garden and outside. We completely understand why they would wish to remove these particular 3 trees. We believe, from speaking to our neighbours that whilst some their garden plans would certainly benefit from the removal of some of the other trees in their garden, they fully understand the need to maintain them. We would have thought that as garden

lovers, they have every intention of making the most of their environment and that it would be a reasonable compromise to allow the remaining trees to be professionally trimmed or thinned or tidied at the very least. We really do not get the impression that our neighbours were asking for anything more than reasonable and as neighbours we would fully support the removal of T2 3 and 4 and reasonable professional tidying up to the other trees as required. We do not feel that this would significantly impact the contribution to the visual amenities of the area or be detrimental in any way to those amenities. We truly consider this unimaginable considering the amount of trees in the area and natural re growth.

In addition, and as a matter of support to our neighbours, we feel that these requests are reasonable in light of the fact that the original covenant placed on these trees was made to protect the original installation of the plantation, and that it is abundantly clear to see that this area of woodland is not maintained to any degree. We are also led to believe, also that there is no longer a forester responsible for this plantation and that the whole woodland area is slowly being taken over by Ash trees (considered a self seeding weed, surely); is full of unmaintained trees that are dying and falling due to the suffocation of ivy. Many of the trees in this woodland are creaking due to disease and weakness and there are many trees leaning precariously against other trees preventing them falling. On a windy day we wait to see which trees are going to fall. We live here because of its location, particularly the woodland and the views. We love this community, this environment and appreciate that people from other areas can too, but would hope that we have some say in what happens in the privacy of our own gardens.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to write and express our opinions. Our neighbours appear reasonable people and we are certain that a satisfactory compromise can be found to satisfy everyone without causing regret animosity and with kindness and consideration.

Yours faithfully