

Comments for Planning Application APP/24/00232

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/24/00232

Address: Land north of 6, Emsworth House Close, Emsworth

Proposal: Erection of 1No. 3 bedroom dwelling.

Case Officer: David Eaves

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Complainant

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object strongly to this application. The application represents a significant threat to a beautiful, large oak tree (with a TPO) in the garden of 6 Record Road, abutting onto the site of the proposed development. The tree is about 350 years old and is in very good health. It has recently been inspected by the Havant District Tree Officer, who can confirm the age and state of robustness of this tree.

A report commissioned by Bernie Harverson, a local arboricultural consultant, has highlighted the potential impact of building on the land adjacent to Furlonge House. He states in his report that "this development would lead to the undermining of the amenity value of this oak tree and very probably have a significant effect on its ongoing health and viability"

He has considered the terms of the Arboricultural Impact Appraisal submitted by the developers as part of this planning application and makes the following points:

- The tree will dominate the garden space surrounding the new house and as such the proposed development constitutes over-development
- If the development goes ahead, the tree must be pruned back. This places the tree under threat. The tree preservation officer commented that the request for consent to prune up to a height of 6 metres is inappropriate. Such heavy lopping would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the tree.
- The application does not address how the development will ensure the continued viability of the tree given the intrusion into the root system.
- The proposed excavation on the site will cause considerable damage to the tree and server roots.

In addition to this, the proposed cutting down of two smaller sycamores and an ash tree will further

impact on the areas visual amenity which is not in keeping with the advice of the National Planning Policy framework 2023, which states that trees make an important contribution to the character and quality of urban environments and help mitigate and adapt to climate change.