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RBWM

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Dear Toby

**19/03321/TPO | (T47) Grey Willow - fell (T48) Grey Willow - fell (T49) White Poplar - remove failed part of limb back to suitable union (T50) Birch - fell (G51) Pear and Holly - fell (G52) Grey Willow - fell (G53) Privet and Willow - fell (G54) Ash - fell (G55) Ash, Willow and Buddleia - fell (G56) Grey Willow, Ash and Buddleia - fell.**

**Land Adjacent to The Bothy Sunningdale Park Silwood Road Sunninghill Ascot**

The Planning Committee reviewed this application at the meeting on Tuesday 17th December and had the following objections:

1. The planning application for the development of Sunningdale Park (18/00356) was approved on November 8th, 2019. The application contained detailed drawings, maps and arboricultural assessments of all the trees on the site including those where any works were scheduled. All the trees on the site are TPO protected (TPO 015/2017).
2. This current application is for tree works adjacent to what is referred to as the Bothy. It appears to be in the vicinity of the walled garden area. The Parish Council have some major concerns about this application.
3. The photographs accompanying the application show four trees (T37, T20, T23 and T57) but the description of the tree works accompanying this planning application does not include any works to these trees. So, why are these photographs included?
4. The numbers used to identify the trees in this application are not the same ones that were used in the approved 18/00356 application. Given the extensive numbers of TPO trees on this site and their importance within the village the Parish Council would have expected the applicant to use the same tree identification numbers, maps and descriptions as specified in the approved scheme. In the approved scheme there are trees in this area as follows: G29, G30, T892 to T899, T852 to T854, T903 and T904. But now the trees in this application have been given the numbers: T47 to T50 and G51 to G56.
5. Using a completely different set of tree identification numbers makes comparison with the original approved scheme almost impossible. To make matters worse the diagram accompanying this application does not show in any detail where the trees that are planned for felling are located on the site. Given the importance of protecting trees on this site and the level of development that is planned it is worrying that one of the first applications after official approval can be so poorly presented.
6. The Parish Council also find it hard to understand how the explanation that is given in the application for almost all the felling can be justified: namely ‘to enable repair to brickwork’

The Parish Council **strongly object** to this application for the reasons stated above. If it were to be permitted, then this would set a precedent for all future works to TPO trees on the site to have different identification numbers. This could lead to much misunderstanding and the felling of incorrect trees purely as a result of a labelling error.

The Parish Council encourage RBWM to **REFUSE** this application and ask the applicant to re submit it using the approved tree identification numbers.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Sunningdale Parish Council Planning Committee

Michael Burn

Co-Chair of Planning