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To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application Comments - 3/2023/0238 FS-Case-502282098

Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2023/0238

Address of Development: 6Lodge View

Comments: I write with revulsion at the wanton destruction of a mature scots pine and disabling of a superb mature weeping willow tree....These trees where in a conservation area and gave pleasure and enhanced the view..The scots pine was used year round by a Tawny owl...On the day this vandalism took place ..I can see the application was submittedrather odd.....As far as lam aware these trees where never, and never have been a danger to the public...not unhealthy not rotten not leaning on any property has the instructor of the works has claimedphotos from 2,3 years ago...and the day of desruction verify this fact....not causing any sort of obstruction whatsoever....I simply cannot think of any rational explanation for this senseless action except the instructor wanted a little bit more light into his property ...and the small amount of inconveience of pine cones dropping down and the willows leaves in autumn.....absurd excuse.....It is not the first time that the said person has hacked away at the willow , last autumn a chainsaw was taken to it ..taking away its off branches...I repeat these branches where no way causing any sort of danger to anyone.....Did he apply then ??...last autumn ?....I fear not....The previous occupants of the property have never been troubled by these trees ...The Willow was even used as a selling point when It featured as one of photos when the property was last for sale.....The person in question knew the trees where there when he bought Itthe insructions I can see are for fifhteen per cent reduction of the willow crown, well the fact is I would say 75 per cent of that tree has now been lost...sensible management was all that was required for both of these trees....Not this, which amounts to mindless enviromental vandalism..which we have to stare at, for as long we choose to live here....The most surprising thing is surely the contractor must have known that this is a conservation area.before agreeing to the work.. and he had to apply well in advance...in order for a decision to be made.....not apply on the same day and go ahead regardless of the result of the application.....The concerning thing is this contractor may well be going around Lancashire doing this every day...without giving a concern for people or the nesting birds he will be disturbing.....to behave in a reckless manner when it comes to nesting birds at this time of the year is unlawful.....countryside act 1981..lam very concerned others along the view will follow suit....please keep me informed of any outcomes of any investigation that will hopefully take place Thank you.

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Sent: 25 March 2023 18:44
To: Planning
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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2023/0238

Address of Development: 6, LODGE VIEW, LONGRIDGE, PRESTON

Comments: As a resident of Lodge View I would like to strongly object to the felling of a Scots Pine and the cutting back of a willow tree without the relevant permission and a consultation period. Both trees contributed greatly to the aesthetic and character of Lodge View, with its unique setting enhancing the row of 200 year old cottages. This border of trees and shrubs was a corridor for wildlife and birds; a Tawny Owl roosted in the Scots Pine every year and its call could be heard most evenings. In Spring it is usually alive with birdsong and nesting birds. The removal of these trees will impact the birds greatly this year, as it has impacted our enjoyment of the area. On returning home to find the Scots Pine felled, the tree surgeon told me that the Willow tree was coming down next. I informed him that Lodge view is in a conservation area but he continued to lop branches off the Willow knowing full well it was something he should not be doing. I can understand the owner wanting more light in his property, and I have no objection to the trees being cut back, but he should have followed the proper procedures. This action amounts to nothing more than wanton vandalism which has resulted in a four meter totem pole and a hacked away Willow tree. I fear that this sort of behaviour could set a precedent in the area if not dealt with seriously and with consequences for these actions.