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Jeremy Young Tree & Planning Officer
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Planning Department
Town Hall
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Dear Jeremy Young

Planning application 23/00615/CAT 1 Talbot Row Chalk Lane KT18 7AZ

Epsom Civic Society has viewed the details of the application for the felling of a conifer tree in the rear garden. This sits behind and above the brick wall in Chalk Lane.

Doubtless you will examine the tree to ascertain if it is at such a stage in its life that it warrants removal. From the information given and identifying the tree from the highway we question that the tree should be removed.

This application has arisen, surprisingly, very soon after completion of the "Atkins redevelopment site".

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Within the submission documents for the Atkins scheme as a whole (19/00999/FUL) the applicants D&A statement stated “The well treed frontage along Chalk Lane is a vitally important aspect for the site and wider conservation area and is acknowledged in Planning Guidance and the TPOs present”. The scheme was granted approval upon the basis of the submitted application documents.

Much emphasis about the design of the scheme was the retention of as many of the trees as possible behind the wall to retain the landscape of the character of the Chalk Lane CA. The developers have taken this into account in their development and presentation for sale of the individual sites as recently as only a few months ago. The Society does not feel that it is right to be seeking to change this so soon after completion.

We trust that the trees in this location are not disturbed and remain as a positive feature of the pleasant Chalk Lane conservation area with the current application not being acceded to.

Yours sincerely,

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