

11 April 2021

Attention: Ronald Tong  
Sevenoaks District Council  
Community and Planning Services  
Argyle Road  
Sevenoaks  
Kent, TN13 1HG

Dear Mr Tong

**Re: Tall Trees, Chipstead Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 2RF**  
**Response to Enforcement of Planning Control letter**

Mr and Mrs Arnott, the owners of Tall Trees, wish to submit a planning application for new columns at a wider width from that shown on the previous approval SE/17/02923/LBCALT.

Brief history regarding the columns:

- Our drawings were approved for the redesign of the main house SE/17/00246/HOUSE on 24.03.2017.
- Whilst developing this application, the builder's truck knocked into one of the existing columns
- The application to rebuild both columns was approved SE/17/02923/LBCALT on 06.11.2017
- Our drawings were approved to rebuild the existing garage 19/01840/HOUSE on 12.08.2019
- After building the garage, the Client had landscaping carried out and wished for all landscapers and builders to leave the site prior to rebuilding the columns.
- The landscapers have recently finished and left the site. The Client however wishes to rebuild the columns as per the approved drawings but in a position allowing for a slightly wider space to drive through. The original width between column copings was 2480mm. The Client wishes for this to rather be 3000mm, as he cannot fit his car through the 2480mm gap with ease.
- We are therefore applying for the same application as that approved SE/17/02923/LBCALT on 06.11.2017, but with a wider gap between existing and new column copings

Regarding the drive:

In your letter dated 22.03.2021 and discussion with the Client on site, I understand you were questioning if the works undertaken on the drive represent engineering works.

I have asked the landscaping designer Mandy Buckland of Greencube and Mandy informs that there was no change in the drive levels from that of the existing. The new drive is permeable:

'Landscapers removed existing Tarmac drive (non SUDS /non permeable) replaced with Belgium handmade clay pavers laid on sharp sand with dry kiln aggregate swept in joints, permeable paving.

'Permeable Paving - Clay Paver Vande Moortel Olive and Taupe clay paver. Laid on 200mm type 1 compacted on sub soil and 50mm bed of sharp sand, brushed in with dark grey kiln aggregate, haunched on edges only. <https://www.chelmer valley.co.uk/paving-information/permeable-paving/>'

Yours sincerely

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