

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AB/107/17/T

Location : rear of 20 to 50 Fitzalan Road, Arundel

Description of works: Reduce crowns of trees generally by 1.5m overall except for trees 18 & 19 which need 2m reduction and also different treatment to one Ash tree

Applicants Reasons To control vigorous growth habit

Comments On Application:

Weeping Willow *Salix babylonica* Av. Height = 12m Avge spread = 6m Age = Early Mature

- These are medium sized tree located on the river banks abutting the rear gardens of the dwellings with low weeping habit over the gardens.
- Have been topped out in the past and are generally in good overall condition and make a significant impact in the landscape.

Conclusions:

- The tree surgeons report is sound and well reasoned and makes sensible recommendations for the management of these trees.
- My only concern would be that the trees need some live branches left on them and must not be pollarded and left devoid of foliage altogether - so I would encourage the tree surgeon to bear this in mind.

Recommendations:

- I raise **NO OBJECTION** to the reduction in lateral spread by 1.5m provided that it is done in a balanced manner and all other works listed in the tree surgeons report are acceptable as well.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral **and MUST NOT exceed 75mm diameter.**

Reasons : In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.***

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