

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: AB/116/15/T

LOCATION: 38 Priory Road
Arundel

PROPOSAL: Reduce 1No. Oak tree by 4 metres

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	The trees the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	N/A
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Two storey end of terrace dwelling.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The character of the locality is residential in nature and consists of properties of various designs and styles.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Arundel Town Council

Councillors had no objection to this application.

Comments on Representations received:

Comments noted

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Council's Tree Officer:

Comments:

- The tree cited in this application is located in the rear garden of 38 Priory Road, Arundel. The tree is subject to active TPO order.
- The applicant has applied to reduce T1 by 4 meters. From the site inspection it is evident that T1 has some signs of selective historic formative pruning. It is also evident that the applicants request to reduce T1 by 4 meters would surpass the established pruning points.

Recommendation:

- I would object to the applicants request to perform a 4 meter crown reduction to T1. This proposed action is likely to lead to excessive pruning, leaving large pruning wounds that are susceptible to pathogenic establishment.
- I would however have no objections to the reduction of no more than 2 meters to T1, as it would be a more suitable for the outlined specimen.
- The following conditions must be adhered to when completing the proposed operation;

Conditions:

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

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

Crown Lift

Branches found within the clearance height having diameters greater than 100mm should be shortened and no more than 15% of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed to facilitate the unobstructed free passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

REASON: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted

POLICY CONTEXT

Designations applicable to site:

Tree Preservation Order

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun District Local Plan 2003:](#)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The tree has been inspected by the Council's Tree officer who has objected to the proposal on the basis that the proposed 4 metres crown reduction is likely to result in excessive pruning, leaving large pruning wounds that are susceptible to pathogenic establishment.

Therefore, in accordance with this advice it is recommended that planning permission is refused. However, should a resubmission be made seeking permission for a 2 metre crown reduction it is likely to receive support from the Council's Tree Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

REFUSE

- 1 The Oak tree makes a significant contribution to the character of the area and the proposed works, would have a detrimental impact upon the health and vitality of the tree and thereby the visual amenity of the locality.