

**Planning Officer :** Damian Sullivan**Planning Application Ref:** AB/4/14/TC**Location :** Communal Courtyard, Ninevah Shipyard, Arundel**Description of works:****Himalayan Birches** – *Betula jacquemontii* x 2 of

- Reduce height and spread by 20% or 1.5m

**Reasons Given:** Prudent management and to constrain growth potential in an area between residential blocks where light percolation is a key issue**Recommendation:**

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| NO Objection         | X | Comment            | X | Dead & Dangerous          |  |
| Object               |   | Recommendation     | X | Abate a Nuisance          |  |
| Conditions Suggested | X | CA & Amenity Value |   | Tree Replacement required |  |

**Comments On Application:**

General Observation – These works are all standard maintenance operations and acceptable practice for the larger tree to the rear of the two at this location but are somewhat excessive for the front tree which is a lot smaller. This could be a problem with the current system where we now ask for reductions expressed in metres rather than percentages and they have not thought this through and applied only one measurement!

**Himalayan Birches –****Front Tree** Height – 4m : Avge Spread – 2m : Age – Young**Rear Tree** Height – 8m : Avge Spread – 1.5m : Age – Young**CONCLUSIONS:**

**I Approve of** the works and whilst I see no reason to apply a TPO to control them I would advise that they revert to the 20% relative to the current size and proportions of each tree rather than apply the 1.5m reduction and reshaping for both trees as they are significantly different in height and spread.

**Suggested Condition To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -**

Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also BS3998:2010 ) and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

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



Consultant Arboriculturist