

Planning Officer: Charlotte Burrows

Planning Application Ref: AB/55/18/T

Location: 39 Ford Road, Arundel, BN18 9DX

Description of works: Crown reduce 1No. Hornbeam by 1.5m

Reasons Given: Long-term maintenance

Comments on Application:

Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Height: Approx. 18m	Average Spread: 6m	Age: Mature
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- I made several attempts to view the tree from the rear garden of 39 but was unable to gain access. My latest viewings of this tree were from the rear of 27 Ford Road and Penfolds Place.
- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from many neighbouring dwellings but only with difficulty from publicly accessible land.
- Tree is discreetly located on the edge of an established tree line, characterised by established oak of greater landscape value.

Conclusions:

- This work has not been justified on arboricultural grounds although the extent of crown reduction work proposed relative to its overall height and spread is proportionate and satisfies the requirements of British Standard 3998:2010 - Tree Work.
- If done sympathetically and at an appropriate time of year this work ought not to have a detrimental effect on the tree's ongoing vitality.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- 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.

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

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