

**Planning Officer:** Miss Z Toppin

**Planning Application Ref:** AB/98/20/T

**Location:** Rear of 28 - 50 Fitzalan Road, Arundel, BN18 9JS

**Description of works:** Fell 1No. Weeping willow tree (T1). Reduce lower easterly spread to 3m 1No. Weeping willow tree (T2) and reduce easterly spread to 3.5m 1No. Weeping willow tree (T3).

**Reasons given:** Health and safety

**Comments on Application:**

**3x Weeping willow, golden / *Salix x sepulcralis* var. *Chrysocoma*** Height: 10-15m Spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- The applicant has employed Arun Tree Company Ltd as agent, to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for each item.
- Those trees are important constituents of a long line of established weeping willow. This is a visually impressive feature of notable landscape value and the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

**Conclusions:**

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works although it should be noted that the demise and subsequent removal of T1 will diminish the group feature. A duty exists in law to secure an appropriate replacement.

**Recommendation:**

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

**Conditions to Be Applied to Approved Work: -**

Condition 1

- Part a) 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
- Part b) 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.

Condition 2

- Once the tree (T1) has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 3metres.

This is to be of Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the willow tree.

The species shall be of the following type: -

**Weeping willow, golden / *Salix x sepulcralis* var. *Chrysocoma***

- **Reasons:** To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

Mark Warwick  
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team