

**ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE
CONSULTATION**

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TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/167/14/T

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Crown reduce 1 No. Holme Oak by a maximum of 1 metre in height and reduce side lateral branches overhanging neighbours property by 2 meters and shape remaining crown of tree.

INSPECTION DATE: 23/07/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☒

Suggested Conditions ☒

Comment ☐

Recommendation ☐

Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Inspection:

Species: Holm Oak *Quercus ilex*,

Height: 11 meters

Average crown spread: 3 meters

Condition: Good

Form: Good to fair

Comments:

- The Outlined tree is part of a group of holm oaks that are highly visible from the main highway and add character to the landscape.
- Clear evidence of previous historic pruning works that have been undertaken to lift braches off the neighbour's boundary. This historic pruning appears to have met the BS 3998:2010 guidelines on positions of final cuts, and correct choice of suitable growing points
- According to the BS 3998, no more than 30% of live matter should be taken out the crown during a single operation. This does mean the requested lateral reduction of 2 meters would be too much if it was an all over crown reduction. However as indicated the proposed works, there would be a 2 meter reduction away from the neighbours boundary, a meter off the height, and then some 'shaping of the rest of the tree to ensure the form is not upset. The combination of works should be about the 30% of the living crown, which is permitted by the BS 3998:2010.

Recommendation:

- **It is therefore my recommendation to allow this works to continue,** as this is a continuation the cycle of historic pruning (which has appeared to done in accordance with the BS 3398:2010).

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.

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