

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/226/17/T

Location : 5a Balmoral Close, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Reduce crowns of 8 No Holm Oak trees by 4m overall

Applicants Reasons To control growth habit

Comments On Application:

Holm Oaks *Quercus ilex* Av. Height = 8m Avge spread = 4m Age = Early Mature

- These are relatively small trees located along the eastern boundary of the property.
- Have been topped out in the past and are generally in fair condition and make a significant impact in the landscape.

Conclusions:

- The reduction of these trees by 50% in one go would be detrimental to their visual impact in the landscape and leave mostly stumps devoid of foliage.
- This would be excessive in my view and a less drastic solution is advised.

Recommendations:

- I object to the reduction in height and spread by 4m and recommend **REFUSAL** of this application.

ADVISORY:

The applicant is encouraged to re-apply for a 2m maximum reduction.

Conditions To Be Applied to the revised application : -

- 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 **and MUST NOT exceed 50mm diameter.**

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

- *See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.*

Bernie Harverson

Consultant Arboriculturist