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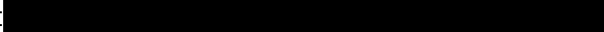
Charlotte

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton
Planning Application Ref: AW/260/18/T
Location: 28 Margaret Close, Bognor Regis, PO21 3AA
Description of works: Reduce to previous pruning points 1 No. wild cherry tree
Reasons Given: To prevent obstruction of street light

Comments on Application:

Wild cherry / *Prunus avium* Height: Approx. 7m Average spread: 2.5m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It occupies a prominent position to the front of the property and can be seen from many neighbouring dwellings and users of public highway (road and footway).
- It grows close to a street lighting column and has been the subject of several crown modifications resulting in a dense, compact form but retains an attractive crown profile.
- Clearance from the street lighting column is adequate and light dispersal from the column head is likely to be sufficient for this location – at this time. That said, some branch reduction will be necessary in the next 18 months to maintain adequate clearance and the overall crown will need to be tended throughout the lifespan of this tree to ensure it remains in a structural state appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed is undertaken during summer (June to August). The work proposed must only be undertaken during this period.

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.

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