

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: AW/260/21/T

Location: 38 Kingsway, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 4DL

Description of works: Various works to various trees

Reasons given: To lessen influence over adjacent specimen trees and improve light levels to part of rear garden

Comments on Application:

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- The applicant has submitted a detailed identification of trees and associated work specification (Attached Sheet no. 1). This is comprehensive and recommends a balanced set of work proposals with satisfactory reasons given for each item.
- All trees listed in the application are within the Craigweil Conservation Area. T3 Yew and T6 Oak are also the subjects of a Tree Preservation Order (Bognor No.2).

Conclusions:

- The work proposed has been justified on arboricultural grounds. T3 & T6 are worthy of special mention as notable trees of significant amenity value.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the trees' long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- T1, T4 & T5 - I am satisfied that the works proposed are justified and if undertaken to a high standard and at the right time - will not result in character of the surrounding area being diminished. I raise No Objection and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work on T3 Yew & T6 Oak: -

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.

Part c) Where crown reduction pruning has occurred previously, then 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.

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

