

Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 27th May 2014

Planning Officer : ~~David Easton~~ Janice Chapman

Planning Application Ref: AW/89/14/T

Location : 12 Lucerne Court, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Reduce overhang by 1.5m to 1 No Red Oak

Applicants Reasons: To abate a nuisance to resident as branches almost touch roof of building

Comments On Application:

Red Oak *Quercus rubra* Height – 12m : Crown Spread – N0 E0 S10 W10 : Age – Early Mature

- This tree has poor crown form being bifurcated at 2.5m agl with the crown weighted heavily to the south and west sides
- The low branch spread to the south side almost touches the roof of the building and in high winds would certainly make contact with the risk of damage
- I have no problem with the request to prune back from the building line

Recommendation:

I Approve of pruning works to this tree as listed below:-

- Shorten back the lateral spread to the south side ONLY by 1.5m making all final cuts adjacent to living growth points

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 branches which need to be shortened are to be cut at the correct angle and adjacent to a live bud or lateral as defined and illustrated in BS3998:2010.*
- *Attention is drawn to the fact that some trees could provide suitable habitat for bird nesting (ivy and cavities) and bat roosting (ivy, branch cracks and cavities) and this might at certain times of year influence and possibly restrict the form of management which can be applied. Given the legal constraints imposed by the Habitat Regulations and the Wildlife and Countryside Act and the fact that it is a criminal offence to disturb or destroy nest sites, this may necessitate expert ecological advice being sought before proceeding with these recommendations. As a minimum requirement it will be necessary for the appointed Tree Contractor to climb the trees and verify that there are no birds nesting or bats present in splits; holes and cavities prior to commencement of works.*

Reasons:-

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

Bernie Harverson

Consultant Arboriculturist

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

