

**Planning Officer:** Lynnyrd Wolfe

**Planning Application Ref:** A/139/19/T

**Location:** Raffles Place, West Drive, Angmering, BN16 4JE

**Description of works:** Fell 1no. cockspur thorn, crown reduction by 2m to 1no. Turkey oak tree, crown lift to 3m and remove sucker growth on western aspect to 1no. Cypress conifer and radial reduction 0.5m on western aspect and 1.5m on southern aspect to 1no. cherry tree

**Reasons Given:** Containment pruning to limit influence over property

**Comments on Application:**

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| <b>T1 oak / <i>Quercus sp.</i></b>                                  | Height: 15-20m | Average spread: 5-10m | Age class: Mature      |
| <b>T2 cockspur thorn / <i>Crataegus crus-galli</i></b>              | Height: 0-5m   | Average spread: 0-5m  | Age class: Young       |
| <b>T3 Himalayan cedar / <i>Cedrus deodara</i></b>                   | Height: 5-10m  | Average spread: 0-5m  | Age class: Semi-mature |
| <b>T4 broad-leaved cockspur thorn / <i>Crataegus prunifolia</i></b> | Height: 0-5m   | Average spread: 0-5m  | Age class: Young       |

- Outwardly and from a distance this tree appears to be in a fair physiological state with an attractive crown profile. It has been the subject of past crown reduction work.
- It grows at the rear of the property but can be seen in part from adjacent property and high canopy from estate roads and publicly accessible land. As such, it has some public amenity value.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining life-span of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.
- Following a desktop review of the Tree Preservation Order(s) affecting this plot, I am satisfied that T2, T3 and T4 are not the subject of any Order.

**Conclusions:**

- Only T1 is the subject of an Order (TPO). Consent from the local planning authority is not required in respect of work proposed for T2, T3 and T4.
- T1 - If the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time then the tree should be able to remain a long-term visually interesting feature in the local landscape.

**Recommendations:**

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

**Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -**

- 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) 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.

Part d) The long-term vitality of tree (T1) is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late-spring to summer period (May 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*

Mark Warwick  
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team