

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: A/142/18/T

Location: Acorns, Arundel Road, Angmering, Littlehampton, BN16 4ET

Description of works: Crown lift of approx. 2.5m to 2No Oak trees & crown thin of 25% to 2No. Willow trees

Reasons Given: Restoration of light to allotment and glasshouse. Good husbandry

Comments on Application:

T1 Turkey oak / <i>Quercus cerris</i>	Height: Approx.18m	Average spread: 6m	Age class: Mature
T2 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: Approx.16m	Average spread: 5m	Age class: Mature
T3 and T4 Willow (Sallow) / <i>Salix caprea/cinerea</i>	Height: Approx.12m	Average spread: 4m	Age class: Mature

- T1 and T2 are woodland fringe oak trees of apparent good health, with relatively unmodified and attractive crown profiles. Both are highly visible to residents and site users/visitors.
- There is approx. 2-3m of ground clearance already, although a few small branches may grow to hang below the 2.5m height being sought.
- T3 and T4 are woodland fringe willow trees of apparent good health but with structural defects typical for their age and situation, now requiring remedial action.

Conclusions:

- The works proposed are justified on arboricultural grounds as they either seek to maintain reasonable enjoyment of the garden areas with respect to natural tree form or address structural defects and sustain aesthetic value.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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
- 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.

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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Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

