

Planning Officer: Miss K Welch

Planning Application Ref: A/166/21/T

Location: Land adj. to 12 Quiet Waters Close, Angmering, BN16 4DG

Description of works: Remove large branch of 1no. London plane tree (T54) approx. 3m above ground level leaning towards neighbouring property

Reasons given: Structurally unviable for long-term retention

Comments on Application:

T54 London plane / *Platanus x hispanica* Height: 10-15m, Radial spread: 5-10m, Age class: Early mature

- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state with an attractive crown profile. It has been purposefully retained during recent development of the site and is in harmony with its wider surroundings. A focal point within the Close, it is a tree of high growth potential and amenity value.
- The removal of the limb will ensure long-term clearance of garden boundary fences and remove a potential interference with vital utility apparatus. This can be achieved without detriment to the tree's long-term health and aesthetic value.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- If undertaken to a high standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

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

Condition 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.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's 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

