

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: **A/172/14/T**

LOCATION: 23 Arundel Road
 Angmering

PROPOSAL: Crown reduction of 1no Holm Oak tree by 2m. Removal of branches at 2.5m on the south trunk & shortening back the branch to the north - Amendment to previously approved A/135/14/T

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	n/a
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	The tree that forms the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Open to front and sides.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	A two storey end of terraced property with brown brick elevations and a hipped tiled roof.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Predominantly residential in character, there are mainly two storey terraced properties in the immediate area. There are few trees of any visual significance in the street scene and the subject tree is one of the exceptions.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Angmering Parish Council

No objection.

Comments on Representations received:

Noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Council's arboriculturalist

No objection.

·The applicant has reapplied to crown reduce by 2 meters. Also the applicant has expressed the

desire reduce the south limb by 2.5 meters, in addition to the removal of the limb that spans out to the north. Most of the proposed operations cited have already been approved in the previous application A/135/14/T.

The applicant identified that the union below the southern stem are compressing, and future development of these points are likely to lead to failure occurring. If failure occurs in the basal area the integrity of the remaining live mass. This therefore means the amendment to the proposed works is likely increase retention span of the Oak tree.

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003:

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

This application seeks permission to reduce the crown of 1no. Oak tree by 2m and removal of branches at 2.5m on the south trunk and shortening back the branch to the north. This forms a resubmission of previously approved works to the same Oak tree with a crown reduction of 2.5m and removal of the main south-facing limb. Therefore, this application seeks a slightly greater scale of works parking relating tot he south trunk and branch to the north.

The Oak tree is prominently situated to the front of the property where it provides significant visual amenity value. However, the proposed works will not adversely affect the appearance of the street scene due to the nature of the works and the already approved application A/135/14/T which is for the majority of the works expressed in this application.

The Council's arboriculturalist has no objection to the proposed tree works. Indeed, these are

likely to increase the retention span of the tree which is seen as being of benefit to its health and vitality.

It is therefore recommended that the application be approved subject to the following condition.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The works hereby permitted shall only comprise the crown reduction of 1no. Holm Oak by 2m and removal of 2.5m on the south trunk limb and shortening back the branch spanning out to the north.

Reason: To ensure that the Local Planning Authority can control the nature of works in the interests of protecting the visual amenities of the area.

- 2 **INFORMATIVE:** The applicant is advised of the Council's arboriculturalist's comments in respect of the approved crown reduction, namely:-
All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.