

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: A/173/18/T

Location: Manor House, Mulberry Hollow, Angmering

Description of works: Crown lift 3m to 1 No. Holm Oak tree.

Reasons Given: Restricted use of garden area due to low growth

Comments on Application:

Holm oak	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Height: Approx. 15m	Average Spread: 7m	Age: Mature
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- Tree appears to be in a fine physiological state with no obvious signs of disease, when assessed from ground level. It has fine form despite being multi-stemmed with a full crown and low branches down to 1m above ground level over two gardens and neighbouring golf course land.
- The tree is visible from adjacent property and in part from the adjacent golf course. It contributes significantly to the high canopy locally.
- The applicant proposes to remove low branches to achieve a maximum of 3m overhead clearance on all aspects.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain reasonable enjoyment of the garden with respect to natural tree form.
- The extent of crown lifting satisfies the requirements of British Standard (BS3998:2010) Tree work – Recommendations.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- (1) 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
- (2) 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.

- (3) In respect of the following work item only:
 - 3.1. Remove small branches (<100mm diameter) as necessary to achieve no more than 3metres overhead clearance on all aspects.

This specific operation is likely to be required regularly throughout the tree's remaining lifespan and would not be detrimental to its ongoing health and vitality. Future applications for the work as described in 3.1. above will not be necessary, subject to the applicant providing adequate notice to this authority and whilst undertaking such work must meet the requirements of the aforementioned conditions (1 and 2).

Mark Warwick
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