

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: A/183/17/T

Location: 1 West Drive, Angmering

Description of works: Fell 1 No Horse Chestnut

Reasons Given: Dieback and Bleeding Canker mean tree is dying – having shed branches recently

Comments:

Horse Chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum* Height – 16m Spread – 6m Age – Mature

- This tree contains a lot of both small diameter branch dieback.
- It also contains large diameter dead branches and some storm damaged and broken and retained branches hanging above the road.
- There is some evidence of Bleeding Canker but not to a sufficient level that removal is the only option here.
- It is noted that several limbs have been shed from this tree in recent weeks and this is no surprise given the high levels of deadwood and storm damage that have been noted retained in the crown.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is in my opinion excessive in order to make safe and control the problems being experienced with this tree.
- I believe that there is a pruning solution involving the removal of all dead branches and dieback and then lightly reshaping and reducing the height overall to make safe and give a solid framework for future growth.
- I also suggest that when the tree surgeon climbs the tree he takes pictures of any serious defects that there may be present which cannot be seen from ground level - in case additional works are necessary to make safe.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the felling of this tree.

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