

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: A/258/21/T

Location: Crete House, The Beeches, Dappers Lane, Angmering, BN16 3EN

Description of works: 1 no. oak tree (T1) - Crown reduce all over by 2-3 m maximum (back to points of previous reduction), with a finished height of approx. 10-11 m, and spread of approx. 5-6 m

Reasons given: None provided

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary.
- The applicant has employed Barrell Treecare Ltd. as agent, to survey the tree and submit work recommendations based on their findings.
- It grows near the front of the property and is prominent at the entrance to new residential development as well as being highly visible to users of the public highway.
- It has, somewhat unfortunately and for reason(s) unknown - been subject to historic crown reduction pruning. Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

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.

Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

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***

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August).

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Greenspace

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

