

● Recommendation Report

Application No. A/6/13/T

Committee ☐ : Date _____

Delegated ☒

Recommend Permission ☒

Recommend Refusal ☐

	Date	Signature
Prepared by Case Officer	02.04.13	
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Committee Plans		

Comments:

Melissah Osland

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: 25 March 2013 11:07
To: Melissah Osland
Subject: RE: Field House, Angmering

Hi Melissa,

At least with this prescription there is a reason for the tree work and most importantly in sympathy with the health and wellbeing of the tree, so would support this new proposal.

Regards

Ian

From: Melissah Osland
Sent: 25 March 2013 11:04
To: Ian Brewster
Subject: RE: Field House, Angmering

Thanks Ian, shall I assume you are in agreement with this assessment of the works required?

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: 25 March 2013 10:55
To: Melissah Osland
Subject: FW: Field House, Angmering

Hi Melissa,

Please see attached and presume this is to supersede the applicants original request where there was a lack of detailed information from a consultant to back up the need for any surgery works. Are you able to amend according to the detail within the attached letter?

Ian

From: William Hackman [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2013 08:44
To: Ian Brewster
Subject: Field House, Angmering

Good morning Ian

I looked in to Mr Gibson on Friday. I do have reservations for long term retention of the tree in view of the low crotch and significant size and lean of the trunks, although the union appears good at the moment.

I believe regular selective pruning should be able to retain it within acceptable bounds provided a regular inspection and reappraisal is carried out.

As you know, I am away at the moment but I summarise my thoughts in the attached letter which I will forward to Mr Gibson after my return on Wednesday.

Regards - Bill



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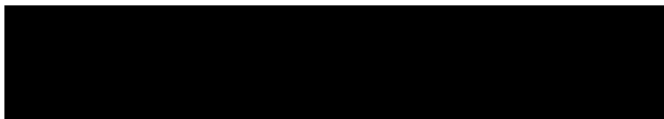
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Monday, 25 March 2013

Inspection of Turkey Oak

Dear Mr Gibson

Further to our meeting last Friday afternoon, I have pleasure in giving you my observations:

I inspected a large Turkey Oak located in your garden to the east of the garage. The inspection was carried out from ground level and no samples were taken. It is a fairly large specimen that has a bifurcation at less than one metre. The subsequent two main stems have a lean and are weighted respectively to the northeast and southwest. The western portion of the canopy significantly overhangs the garage.

I do not believe this to be a particularly good specimen in view of the bifurcation but, at the present time, the union would appear to be sound and retain its integrity. Large amounts of dead wood are visible throughout the tree. The general structure of the tree has not been well maintained and accordingly there are a number of crossing and rubbing branches. The lower branches on the west side are now surrounded by the Leylandii screening.

My recommendations are as follows:

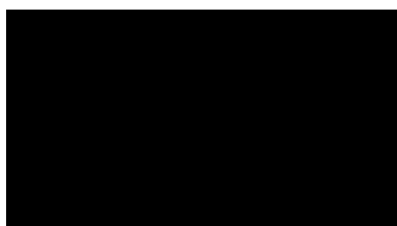
1. Remove lowest limb on west side and trim remaining branches on west side to appropriate pruning points to achieve 2 metre clearance over the garage.
2. Remove all dead wood.
3. Selectively thin crown by approximately 15% by targeting longest extension growth.
4. Remove inferior crossing and rubbing branches, minor small branches and any epicormic growth from within the tree.
5. Shorten lower branches on east side by approximately than two metres to appropriate pruning points to clear interference with Leylandii screening.
6. Clear debris from main low crotch and re-appraise condition of union.

Regular inspections should be carried out at least once every other year by an experienced arborist.

It is my feeling that if this tree were left to its own devices it would eventually pose an unacceptable risk to the buildings. Accordingly I believe it would be appropriate to restrict the radial expansion of the crown by carrying out modest selective thinning on a regular basis, perhaps every five years according to review.

I hope you find this helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



W.D. Hackman



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