

Planning Officer: Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: BE/63/17/OUT

Location: The Cottage, Shripney Road, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Erection of 21 new houses and flats with access and parking and landscaping.

Comments On Application:

- For the most part this site has a collection of poor quality trees with the exception of the Ash and Cedars at the front and the young Oak at the rear.
- These are all highly visible trees (public footpath to south side/main road to the front) in good health and they make a significant impact in the landscape.

Conclusions:

- The very fine mature Ash tree is shown to be removed and there is a risk of root damage to the other trees if this site is not developed in a careful manner in accordance with an AMS report & Tree Protection Plan.

Recommendations:

- As things stand I would have to register an **OBJECTION** to this scheme on the grounds that a very fine mature Ash is shown to be removed to facilitate same.
- I would like to see the layout re-designed to accommodate the Ash tree along with the two Cedars and the Oak at the rear with RPA's fully respected.
- The applicants need to employ the services of an Arboricultural Consultant to prepare a supporting **Arboricultural Method Statement Report with Tree Protection Plan** which details how building techniques will be adapted and modified with mitigation measures employed in order that the Ash; Cedars and Oak will be fully respected and not adversely impacted by the building proposals.
- In the interim I strongly recommend that a TPO is made to protect the Ash at the front and the two Cedars and also the Oak at the rear – TEMPO forms are attached as well as a tree location plan.

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