

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: BN/100/21/T

Location: Barnham Court Lodge, Church Lane, Barnham, West Sussex, PO22 0BP

Description of works: Various works to various trees

Reasons given: 1. Health and safety 2. Good management

Comments on Application:

- The applicant has employed Arun Tree Company Ltd., to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for each item.
- Those various trees listed for work are growing within Church Lane, Barnham Conservation Area and no Tree Preservation Order applies. As such, I treat this application as a section 211 notice.
- They are discreetly located within the expansive gardens of the property. Collectively they have limited visibility from neighbouring properties and to users of publicly accessible land. As such, they possess little public amenity value but do contribute to the garden setting.

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- Advice is sought on the future management of ash trees on the site; given the probability of future disease 'Chalara ash dieback'.

Health and safety must be the priority within such a residential setting.

To support a proposal for removal of trees at this property, with Chalara ash dieback, I would require the following information:

1. The applicant will need to provide evidence (usually photographs of high quality) which clearly demonstrate the presence of fungus *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* and associated disease.
2. The applicant will need to provide evidence (usually photographs of high quality) which demonstrate the tree is within Ash Health Class 3 or Class 4 as detailed on p33 of The Tree Council's Action Plan Toolkit. Those are described as having 50%-26% remaining canopy and 25%-0% remaining canopy respectively.

If both tests can be met, then I would support action to fell as an exception (dangerous trees or branches).

Conclusions:

- I am satisfied that the works proposed are justified and if undertaken to a high standard and at the right time - will not result in character of the surrounding area being diminished.
- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team