

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: BN/105/21/T

Location: 9 Holmdale, Eastergate, PO20 3AA

Description of works: 1 no. oak tree - reduce garden side by 1-2metres back to previous pruning points

Reasons given: Excessive shading and overhanging of garden

Comments on Application:

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. View of stem base restricted by established ivy and understorey vegetation. It makes a significant contribution to the rural character of the lane and is visible from nearby properties and to users of the public highway.
- Grows from elevated ground and casting shade from South and East aspects onto property. Past pruning work has achieved greater harmony between both. Repeat pruning of low branches affecting the reasonable enjoyment and use of adjacent residential property will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the trees' long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The proposal to reduce selected branches on a specific aspect to improve conditions over the property has been justified and is consistent with previous works.

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 any 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 interests 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***

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

