

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 1st April 2026

Case Officer: Rhiannon Lloyd

Reference: BN/17/26/T

Location: 26 Farrow Drive, Barnham, PO22 0FN

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. English oak (T1) to leave a height of 10m and spread of 7m.

Reason: To remove property encroachment

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

This tree appeared to be in a fine physiological state. The upper crown largely unmodified with some historic removal of low large limbs and reduction of branches higher on the west aspect (facing applicant's property), presumably to facilitate construction and accommodate the dwelling.

Outward facing crown aspects viewed from the estate road present a natural balanced form and therefore visually appealing. This contribution to the landscape was identified early on in the planning stages of the estate development by making TPO/BN/1/10, with T1 purposefully retained on communal land for the benefit of the wider community.

Nearest branches to the dwelling are to within 1.5metres (m) at highest level where they overhang directly and of small diameter, the majority of crown clearance is at least 2m.

It is not clear from the proposal whether finished spread of 7m is radial or diametric. We must assume the greater extent of pruning is proposed in the interest of preserving tree health and visual amenity. I have measured the height and diametric crown spread across the cardinal points as 17m x 16m respectively. In any event, the proposed combined height and spread reduction equates to a 55-90% loss of crown volume loss, far in excess of British Standard 3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations.

Notwithstanding the above, whole (height and spread on all aspects) crown reduction pruning has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.

Conclusions:

The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Any future applications to maintain adequate building clearance of 2-3m would seem reasonable and could be supported without detriment to tree health or amenity.

Recommendation:

We refuse consent for this application.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer

Environment and Climate Change

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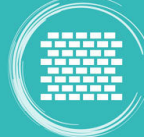
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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