

Planning Officer: Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: BN/19/18/PL

Planning Application: Seeking further advice on a planning application for the erection of 1 No. dwelling and separate single storey double garage

Location: The Cottage Piggeries, Church Lane, Barnham

Comments:

- I refer in part to Bernie Harverson's very helpful report of 20th June 2018. With the information available at the time, three pine trees were identified as being potentially at risk of harm from the proposed development and subsequently an Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan were requested.
- The applicant's architect 'fiftpointeight Architecture + Interiors' have advised in their email of June 28th; the resident of neighbouring property Birchwood House intends to fell two of the pine trees which had been previously identified for protection measures in advance of any development.
- In my conversation with the architect Mr Angus Eitel earlier today, the above tree removals (and a second pine at the rear of the property) have been proposed for removal.
- The applicant Mr Brazil has also left a number of voicemail messages for me this week, updating me on the progress of the tree removal work. As of yesterday, I am advised that all three pine trees have now been felled.

Conclusions:

- Both Mr Eitel and I have not had the benefit of a recent site inspection to verify the applicant's assertion in respect of tree removal work.
- The aforementioned trees were not considered of sufficient merit to warrant the making of a Tree Preservation Order.
- There appears now to be no tree on or off the site that requires special consideration and protection as part of the proposed development, therefore I am able to lend this scheme my support.

Recommendations:

- I can now support this development as proposed and withdraw our Objection.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team