

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: BN/19/22/T
Location: 12 Holmdale, Eastergate, PO20 3AA
Proposal: 1no. oak tree - reduce overhang by 2-3m to leave lateral spread approx. 12m
Reasons given: Encroaching garden and excessive shading
Comments on Application:

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

- Outwardly (from roadside) appears to be in a fine physiological state and with attractive form. Its character defined by the lack of discernible terminal leader and heavy low limbs supporting a broad flat-topped branch framework. I was able to view it adequately from the public highway (Wandleys Lane) and across the rear garden of number 11 for the purpose of considering this tree work proposal.
- T1 is an important constituent of mature roadside groups of pedunculate oak, both highly visible to the public and which help define the character of this semi-rural lane.
- Boundary overhang is notable and the tree has a dominant presence at the rear of the garden, although not excessive when considering its age, size and proximity to nearby houses.

Conclusion:

- The tree should tolerate the work proposed without detriment to its long-term health nor should there be a loss of amenity.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition 1

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.

Reasons: In the interest 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***

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

