

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: BN/90/19/T

Location: Land East of Toll Cottage, Lake Lane, Barnham, PO22 0AD

Description of works: Fell 1no. ash tree

Reasons Given: Detrimental effect on surface water drain in area with recent history of damaging flood events

Comments on Application:

Ash / *Fraxinus excelsior* Approx. height: 16m Average spread: 5m Age class: Early mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile. It is probably self-set, having established itself adjacent a strategically important culvert.
- It is prominent roadside and contributes to the tree-lined character of the lane, although subordinate to the mature lime and oak to its west.
- Arun DC Engineer (drainage) supports the removal of this tree to facilitate drainage enhancement work and safeguard long-term integrity of those apparatus.
- The applicant has requested that no condition be applied to any permission in respect of replacement tree planting.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is necessary to ensure successful enhancement and long-term integrity of strategically important drainage infrastructure. The tree of relatively low amenity value, such that an alternative engineering solution is not justified.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.
- There is adequate density of trees with even age-class distribution, such that the removal of the ash tree will not be too keenly felt. As such, there is no requirement for a condition to secure a replacement tree at this location.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team