

Planning Officer: Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: BR/153/17/RES

Location: 3 Southdown Road, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Reserved Matters Application – Tree Protection Issues

Comments On Application:

- The previous Tree Officer – Dafydd Lloyd raised an objection to this scheme at the Outline Stage and his report dated 16th May 2016 stated that the reason for objection was that no supporting data on the trees from a qualified and experienced arborist had been submitted detailing tree protection measures.
- This application was refused by ADC but won on Appeal and various Conditions have been applied.
- Subsequently the applicants have employed Brigitte Crafer a Landscape Architect to prepare and present all arboricultural information relative to the project. This does not comply with BS5837 because Brigitte is not an experienced or qualified arboriculturist.

Conclusions & Recommendations:

- I have studied the Tree Protection Plan and it is very detailed and the measures recommended are adequate to ensure that the on-site Tulip tree and off site Oak (a very poor and crudely mutilated tree) are protected provided that the following sequence of events takes place:-
 1. This is a tight site and as the new buildings will be at the rear of the Plot so it will be imperative that the ground within the RPA of the two retained trees is protected for the duration of the Construction process. On the assumption that dumper trucks and/or forward loaders will be used for this work the ground protection will need to be BS5837 Section 6.2.3.3 b) compliant – *‘for pedestrian operated plant up to a gross weight of 2t proprietary interlinked ground protection boards placed on top of a compression resistant layer of 150mm depth woodchip laid onto a geotextile membrane’* They should notify the planning department when this has been installed so that the Tree Officer can then attend site with the Landscape Architect to verify that it is of the desired quality and ‘fit for purpose’ At the same time the other tree protection fencing can also be inspected.
 2. On completion of all building works and removal of machinery from site the ground protection measures will need to be lifted to facilitate construction of the porous ‘No Dig’ Golpla cellular confinement system over the CellWeb sub-base layer all filled with washed gravel.



Consultant Arboriculturist