

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Richard Temple

PLANNING APPLICATION: BR/175/15/T

ADDRESS: 39 Servite Close Bognor Regis PO21 2DE

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce canopy of 1 No. Silver Birch tree by up to 2.5m in height & 1.5m in spread & sever ivy

INSPECTION DATE: 11/09/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Suggested Conditions ☒

Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

T1 Species: Silver Birch *Betula pendula* **Height:** 10 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 4.5 meters **Crown Condition:** fair to good **Form:** fair to good **Age Class:** mature

Comments:

- The tree cited in this application is located in the rear garden of 39 Servite Close.
- The applicant has applied to reduce **T1** to reduce the height by 2.5 meters, and a 1.5 meters lateral reduction. From the site inspection it is clear that **T1** has had previous reduction/s. The applied for reductions do emulate the historic reductions.
- From the site inspection it is also clear that the proposed reductions are unlikely to have any lasting negative impact on the aesthetic value and/or longevity of **T1**.

Recommendation:

- I would have no objection to the proposed reductions of a height of no more than 2.5 meters to the height of **T1**, and a lateral reduction of no more than 1.5 meters.

Conditions:

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3rd** in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **100mm** in diameter.

REASON: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Crown Clean

The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight' and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

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Crown Lift

Branches found within the clearance height having diameters greater than **100mm** should be shortened and no more than 15% of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed to facilitate the unobstructed free passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

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