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FROM:

Arboricultural Officer

TO:

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Planning Application BR/273/09/T remove

grind stump of 2 common Beech trees & reduce crown by no more than 15% of 1 Common Beech. Reduce crown by 2 metres & remove lower epicormic growth to one Walnut tree, at 106 Chichester Road Bognor Regis PO21 5AA.

I have visited this property on several occasions, the most recent being on 1st December. and the trees are situated on the north & west boundary of the site. The trees are of high amenity value and a TPO was placed upon the some years ago.

A survey of the trees was initiated by the owner, a copy of which is attached to the application, and forms the basis of the schedule of work.

All the trees on the list are affected in some way, and the identity a work advice is as follows.

T1 Beech Diseased and dying. (tree has now been felled on a 5 day notice to fell. The tree was dead)

T2 Beech reduce crown by no more than 15% to reduce the incidence of wind throw.

T3 Beech Fell as it has fungal growths at the base of the tree.

T 4 Walnut. Reduce canopy from the neighbour's house by 2 metres and remove epicormic growth from the lower part of the tree.

Recommendations.

T1 has been felled as it was diseased and had a large amount of dead wood in the full height of his tree,

T2 agree with 15% reduction.

T3 only a very small area of fungal Infection was found at the base of the tree. I recommend refusal as there is no compelling evidence that the tree is in decline, and may well survive for 30-50 years.

T4 agree the pruning back of the Walnut from the adjoining property, but see no reason to remove the Epitomic growths from the main trunk. (Work on this tree must only be done between Late May & Early September. Walnuts bleed if work is done outside this time window.)

There are a lot of rubbish, debris and shed structures, which aren't helping the future wellbeing of these trees, and could be a contributing factor in the early demise of T1.

I hope this will be of help to you.

Mark Everson.
Arboricultural Officer.