

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: BR/5/22/T
Location: 36-37 Servite Close, Bognor Regis, PO21 2DE
Proposal: 1no. sweet chestnut (T1) - Reduce 3 lowest branches away from conservatory by 2m. 1no. *Acer* (T2) - Crown reduction to height 7m and spread 5m
Reasons given: To deter squirrels from accessing conservatory roof and damaging property

Comments on Application:

T1 Sweet chestnut / *Castanea sativa* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature (TPO ref: T40)

- The property is affected by TPO Bognor No.18. Having considered the supporting Schedule and Plan I am satisfied that only T1 is a subject of that Order. T2 *Acer* is not a suitable candidate for a new Order, so we need not consider it further.
- Outwardly and from a distance (residents car park rear of 39/40 Servite Close) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary. It has good form and is visually impressive, dominating much of the property's rear garden.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. This specimen tree is to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural tree form.
- There will be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed work.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

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.

Part c) Pruning will be applied only to small diameter branches with all final cuts being no greater than 50mm diameter and to achieve a maximum of 2metres clearance from building/conservatory.

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 / Greenspace

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

