Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 4th May 2017

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **BR/68/17/T**

Location: **8 Highlands Avenue, Bognor Regis**

Description of works: 2m height reduction and 0.5m to 1m lateral spread reduction to 1 No Silver Birch

Reasons Given: Excessive shading and suppressing Rowan – height worrying in winds and accumulation of leaves.

Comments:

Silver Birch *Betulus pendula* Av Ht – 12m Av Sprd - 4m Age – Early Mature

- This tree is sound and healthy and contributes to the amenity of the area being clearly visible from Servite Close.
- I acknowledge the desire to control this trees growth habit and continued upward progress in what is a small rear garden.

Conclusions:

- The amount of pruning work requested is acceptable and would give the tree a more compact form.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the works that have been requested.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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.
- 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.

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

- ***The standard pruning guidance notes should be issued with the consent letter.***

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