ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Date: 12 April 2012

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

FROM: Ian Brewster **TO: Peter Cleveland**

PLANNING APPLICATION: B/7/12/TC

ADDRESS: St Mary The Virgin Church The Street Burpham BN18 9RR

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Lift canopies of 2 No. conifer trees by 7 metres within the Burpham Conservation Area

INSPECTION DATE: 10th April 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection	X	No Objection		Suggested Conditions	
Comment		Recommendation	X	Abate a Nuisance	
Tree Replacement		**Dead/Dangerous**		CA & Amenity Value	

Comments:

Both trees are located to the rear of the church. Public visibility is limited as few people would venture to the rear and would not notice tree pruning. My concern is the removal of the large branches to 7m as this excessive and would leave large wounds upon the main stems and render the trees liable to windthrow. The large branches are attached to the lower crown halves, and if lost would expose the inner dark core which would incur further branch losses through adverse/windy weather.

Recommendation:
It would be appropriate to have the foliaged trimmed above head height only and retain the large branches. These are good trees and worthy of retention, being a public place the trees are a good visual feature. If the applicant can moderate their proposal to trim foliage then I would accept the application, if not then I would suggest that a TPO be recommended.

Ian Brewster
Arboriculturist