

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: EG/13/19/T

Location: Clarendon House, Church Lane, Eastergate, PO20 3UT

Description of works: Crown reduction of 2m to 1no. walnut Tree

Reasons Given: 1. Continue cycle of periodic reduction to maintain at dimensions appropriate for setting 2. Excessive shading of lawn

Comments on Application:

Common walnut / *Juglans regia* Height: Approx. 11m Average spread: 5m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state with an attractive crown profile. Historic reduction work (last granted consent – October 2014) has allowed numerous decay zones and cavities to develop in the limb/branch framework. It has responded with approximately 2-3metres of new growth from established knuckles.
- It is visible from adjacent property but only with difficulty from the nearest public highway.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to perpetuate an agreed cycle of pruning which will significantly reduce the likelihood of large limb/branch failure.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.
- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the summer (June to August) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods. The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees 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.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

