

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: EG/70/14/TC

ADDRESS: Rear of garden of Flint House/Mead court, Church Lane,
Eastergate, Po20 3Rp

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Fell 1 No. Robina tree within the Eastergate Square
Conservation area.

INSPECTION DATE: 05/08/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Suggested Conditions ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐ **Dead/Dangerous** ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

Survey:

Species: Robina *spp* **Height:** 10 meters **Average Crown Spread:** 2.5 meters
Crown Condition: poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

Comments:

- This tree is situated in the centre of the Eastergate village. It is not visible from the main highway, as it is planted almost flush in the rear garden boundary of Flint house, which borders Mead house.
- From a visual tree inspection I did identify at least 30% deadwood within the crown of this tree. From its height and stem size, this would indicate a mature specimen.
- From the site inspection, it is clear that the incremental growth of the main stem is forcing the boundary wall towards Mead house (this wall is listed).

Recommendation:

- Since this tree is in poor condition, it has a sort retention span, it has poor arboricultural merit (up to 30% deadwood within the crown) and it is affecting a boundary wall, **my recommendation would be to fell and replant in a more suitable location.**
- Having spoken to the owner of the tree on my visit, he indicated he wished to replant with an oak sapling that had been cultivated from a parent tree that was located in the churchyard where he and his wife got married. He also indicated he would like to replant a few meters in from the boundary wall, but in the same vicinity. As this replacement will have a greater presence (eventually) than the current Rhobina, and the oak replacement will keep in situ with the local landscape, **I am more than happy to approve the suggested replacement.**

**Dafydd Lloyd
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