

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: EP/99/19/T

Location: Land next to 5&6 Midholme, Sea Lane Close, East Preston, BN16 1ST

Description of works: Reduce upper crown on eastern aspect up to 3m & shorten tips of selected branches to achieve maximum 1.5m clearance from built structures to 1no. Turkey oak tree

Reasons Given: 1. To reduce risk of direct damage to fabric of buildings 2. Excessive shading

Turkey oak / *Quercus cerris* Approx. height: 16m Average spread: 6m Age class: Mature

- The applicant has employed Beechdown Arboriculture Ltd as agent, to prepare and submit a tree work application on their behalf. The work proposal is consistent with pre-application advice provided to the site manager (June 2019).
- This is a large tree with a full and spreading crown. Outwardly it appears to be in a fine physiological state and structurally sound. It is visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).
- It is an important constituent of the local mature tree population whose high canopy help to define the character of the area and represents a significant public amenity.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed for is justified on arboricultural grounds. This is a high-profile specimen tree of significant public and visual amenity; which is to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural tree form.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition being applied:

Condition 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.

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

