

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: FG/104/21/T

Location: The Old Flint House, Church Lane, Ferring, BN12 5HR

Description of works: 1no. sycamore (T1) - Remove major deadwood and cut back from lamp to clear by 0.5m and 1no. mulberry (T7) remove dead wood and reduce lateral spread over lawn of The Old Flinthouse (eastern aspect only) to 4m and clear BT lines running through the centre of tree by up to 0.5m max.

Reasons given: 1. To ensure adequate light dispersal from lamp 2. Reduce impact on lawn. Reduce stress on defective branch

Comments on Application:

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- The applicant has employed Marcus Brooke Tree Services as agent. Information provided is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for each item.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require consent from the local planning authority.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. These are specimen trees and are 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 trees' long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Part a) 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
- Part b) 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

