

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FG/118/18/T

Location: 48 Langbury Lane, Ferring

Description of works: T1 Mature Ash - Prune back two Northeasterly low limbs by 2m & deadwood & T2 Mature Weeping Willow - Crown lift over the rife by 3m.

Reasons Given: Low boundary overhang affecting neighbouring property / General good husbandry

Comments on Application:

Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Age: Mature
Willow, weeping	<i>Salix babylonica</i>	Age: Mature

- I was unable to access the property for closer inspection of these trees, although they appear to be in a fine physiological state.
- They are large trees with landscape value. The ash has previously been pollarded at near half-height but has grown on well and supports a full and spreading crown.

Conclusion:

- These are large trees that although situated at the bottom of rear garden/adjacent rife are major constituents of high canopy cover locally and visible from neighbouring properties; thereby providing a notable visual amenity.
- These trees are a significant feature in the local landscape and appear to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would not result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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.

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