

**Planning Officer:** Miss Z Toppin  
**Planning Application Ref:** FG/120/20/T  
**Location:** East Ferring House, 36 Sea Lane, Ferring, BN12 5ED  
**Description of works:** Crown lift to 5m various trees on East boundary border  
**Reasons given:** To achieve adequate overhead clearance above highway (carriageway)

**Comments on Application:**

- There is one Tree Preservation Order affecting this site (TPO/FG/12/61). No details of the Order have been provided by the applicant or made available by the planning department. As such, we must assume all established trees enjoy Statutory Protection and I comment on that basis.
- There are many trees included in this proposal. Of special interest are a mature holm oak (stem diameter above root flare >900mm) growing outside of the boundary fence line (j/w East Mead) and an early mature Himalayan cedar (est. stem diameter at 1.3m ht. >600mm) growing from within the garden. Both have high visual amenity and ought only to require minor works if at all.
- Most carriageway encroachment arises from the numerous bay laurel, and semi/early-mature ash and sycamore growing garden-side of the boundary fence line.
- The majority of trees along this boundary of the property are important constituents of an established linear group of trees which help define the character of the area and represent a significant public amenity.

**Conclusion:**

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds and there should be no loss of public amenity on completion.

**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

