

FG/121/07/T

**TREE WORKS TO TPO TREES REPORT**

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| DESCRIPTION/<br>ADDRESS | - Reduce overall height and spread of one hornbeam thin the crown of the tree and remove dead wood<br>3a Ancren Close Ferring West Sussex |
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**THE SITE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS**

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| DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION               | As above                            |
| SITE AREA                                | N/A                                 |
| RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT<br>DENSITY (NET) | N/A                                 |
| TOPOGRAPHY                               | Predominately flat                  |
| TREES                                    | Individual Hornbeam                 |
| BOUNDARY TREATMENT                       | Mixture of hedging and fence        |
| SITE CHARACTERISTICS                     | Residential                         |
| CHARACTER OF LOCALITY                    | Residential, many trees in locality |

**RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY**

| REFERENCE   | DESCRIPTION                                    | DECISION                      |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FG/91/06/T  | Reduce overall height & spread of one Hornbeam | Granted Consent<br>08-10-2001 |
| FG/32/093/T | Reduce overall height & spread of one Hornbeam | Granted Consent<br>17-09-1993 |

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED**

| SOURCE                 | SUMMARY OF CONTENT                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Ferring Parish Council | The Parish agrees that some reduction to this tree is needed but considers that it might be best to wait until the leaves are off to aid visibility at spotting dead wood etc |

**CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

| CONSULTEE                 | SUMMARY OF RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Council's Arboriculturist | Tree has grown considerably since it was last worked upon 7-8 years ago and has height somewhere in region of between 12 and 13m. Spread of tree about 4m in either direction. Application received as stated above and would suggest this is a repeat of the maintenance on the application which was made in 2000. No objection to this. |

**POLICY CONTEXT**

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| DESIGNATION APPLICABLE TO SITE |
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Within Built-up Area Boundary  
Tree Preservation Order

**DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES**

West Sussex Structure Plan : DEV1  
Arun District Local Plan : GEN7

**PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE**

PPS1: Delivering sustainable development  
Circular 36/78  
DETR TPO's: A Guide to the Law & Good Practise

**POLICY COMMENTARY**

The above policies are general and, other than Circular 36/78 and DETR TPO's, are not specific to trees.

**COMMENT ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

Noted.

**COMMENT ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED**

Noted.

**ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSAL****DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND**

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:-

*"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees ... they may for that purpose make an order."*

The works to the tree is to be judged having regard to amenity.

**OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The works proposed would reduce the tree to a sensible dimension by removing excessive growth, and the tree will still be visually balanced thereby contributing to public visual amenities. It is therefore recommended that the application should be approved, subject to the conditions set out overleaf.

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3a Ancren Close  
Ferring  
West Sussex

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## RECOMMENDATION

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### Approve Conditions

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- 1 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity in accordance with policies DEV1 of the West Sussex Structure Plan and GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

- 2 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with policies DEV1 of the West Sussex Structure Plan and GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

- 3 The works hereby approved shall involve only removal of dead wood, thinning of crown, and reduction of overall height and spread of 1 No. Hornbeam. All works shall be carried out in accordance with BS 3998: 1989 Recommendations for Tree Work.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity in accordance with policy DEV1 of the West Sussex Structure Plan and policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan.

- 4 **INFORMATIVE:** The applicant should note that under part 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and, therefore, removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the Act.

