

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: FG/144/15/T

LOCATION: East Ferring House
36 Sea Lane
Ferring

PROPOSAL: Raise crown on owners side by 2-3m, remove cross & abrasive branches, reduce back branches on south side by 2-3m & raise crown by 3-4m on south side to 1 No. Common Lime tree.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	The trees the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	The front and side boundary of the site consists of a 1.8 metre high close boarded fence.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	The site is occupied by a detached grade II Listed Building.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The locality of the site is predominantly residential and features properties of various designs and styles.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

None received.

Comments on Representations received:

N/A

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Council's Tree Officer:

Comments:

- The tree cited in this application is located in the rear garden of 36 Sea Lane, Ferring.
- The applicant has applied to Crown Raise to 3 meters to the northern aspect, reduce branches

on south side by 2-3m & raise crown by 3-4m on south side.

· From the site inspection it is evident T1 has had historic some reductions. These historic reductions do emulate the applied for reductions.

Recommendation:

· I would have no objections to the proposed operations of crown raise on the north side by 2-3m, remove cross & abrasive branches, reduce back branches on south side by 2-3m & raise crown by 3-4m on south side.

· The following conditions must be adhered to when completing the proposed operation;

Conditions:

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

REASON: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Crown Clean

The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight' and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

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Crown Lift

Branches found within the clearance height having diameters greater than 100mm should be shortened and no more than 15% of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed to facilitate the unobstructed free passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

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Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designations applicable to site:

LB Grade II

Tree Preservation Order

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun District Local Plan 2003:](#)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

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 trees are 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 tree the subject of this application has been inspected by the Council's Tree Officer who has stated that the tree shows evidence of historic reductions which emulate those applied for in this application. No objection has been raised subject to the adherence with the specified conditions.

Therefore, in accordance with this advice it is recommended that consent is granted subject to the below conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

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- 4 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.

- 5 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.

- 6 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and 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 or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

- 7 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.