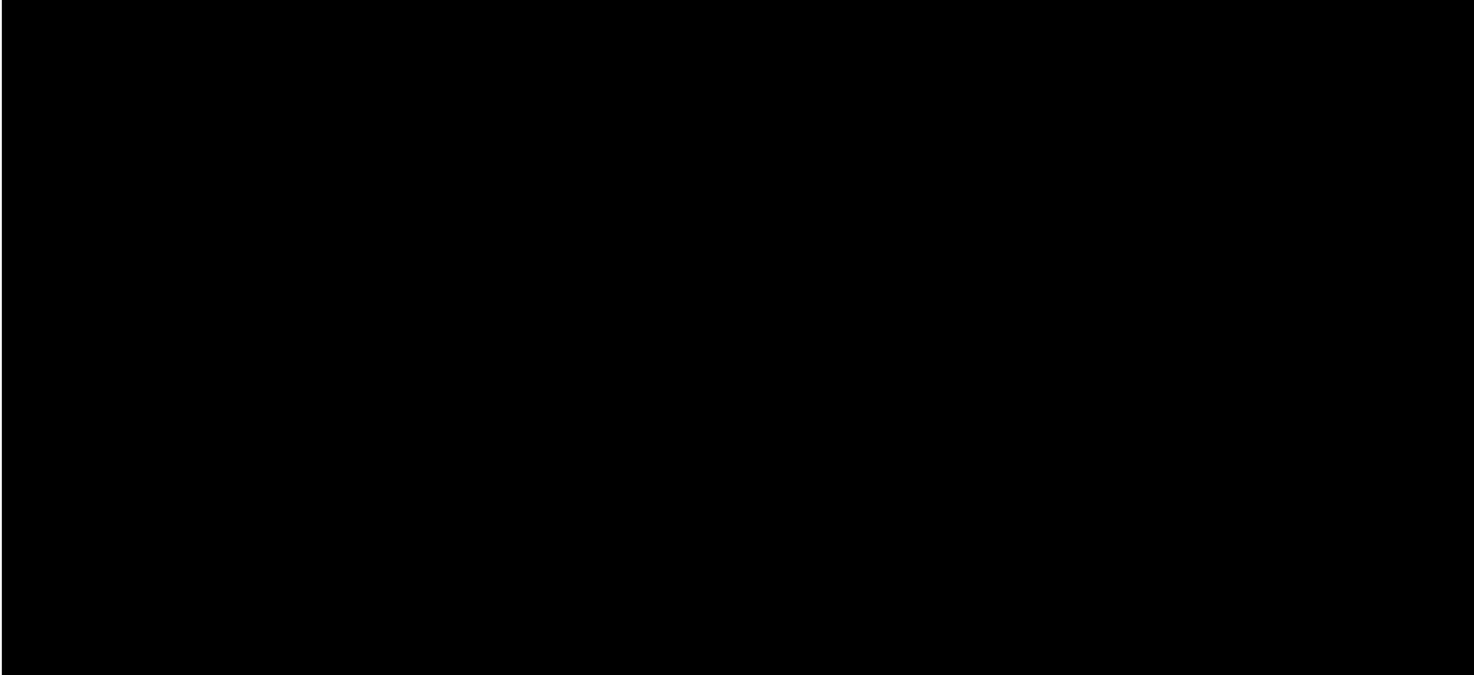




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**From:** Mark Warwick <Mark.Warwick@arun.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 24 September 2021 11:44  
**To:** Richard Sherman <Richard.Sherman@arun.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FG/148/21/T  
**Importance:** High

I visited the above site on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 and was given access to both rear garden trees by the owner/occupier.

I have undertaken a desktop review and see no suggestion that any form of Statutory Protection (Tree Preservation Order or Conservation Area) affects this plot. As it stands, neither tree requires consent from the local planning authority.

Of particular concern to us should be the beech tree (T1). This is an emerging veteran (c120years old) which appears to be in a fine physiological state and with a visually impressive crown. Although bound on two aspects by residential buildings, it is visible in part from numerous properties and public highway. The work proposal seeks to reduce overall height and spread and thin the crown, for which there is no arboricultural justification. Reason given for the work is to address excessive shade over garden. This work will diminish the tree's place in the landscape and may be harmful to its ongoing health and vitality.

The holm oak (T2) is an established tree in proximity to and overhanging dwellings. The proposal to reduce its crown is justified on arboricultural grounds. In any event, I see no reason to make this tree the subject of an Order.

## Recommendations

I recommend a TPO is made as a matter of priority and before the decision due date, to preserve T1 in the landscape and control its future management. I attach a TEMPO form and GIS plan to assist with making the Order.

The applicant should then be advised to withdraw their application and advised to proceed with work to T2 without further recourse to this authority.

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An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. A black circle is drawn around a tree in the center of the image, with the text "T1 Beech" written inside the circle. The tree is located in a grassy area between several houses. To the top right, there is a park area labeled "GRANGE PARK". Various houses and buildings are visible throughout the map, some with numbers like 1, 5, 6, 13, and 19. A scale bar at the bottom right indicates distances of 10 m and 20 ft.

# TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS - TEMPO

## SURVEY DATA SHEET & DECISION GUIDE

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Surveyor: Mark Warwick / Tree Officer, Parks and Greenspace Team

### Tree details

Tree/Group No: T1

Species: Common beech / *Fagus sylvatica*

Location: Rear garden of 3 Grange Park, Ferring, West Sussex, BN12 5LS

OS Map ref: E 509382 N 102331

### Part 1: Amenities assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO; where trees in good or fair condition have poor form, deduct 1 point

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5) Good                  | Highly suitable         |
| 3) Fair                  | Suitable                |
| 1) Poor                  | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Dead/dying/dangerous* | Unsuitable              |

Score & Notes

5

\* Relates to existing context and is intended to apply to severe irremediable defects only

b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO

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|-----------|-----------------|
| 5) 100+   | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable   |
| 2) 20-40  | Suitable        |
| 1) 10-20  | Just suitable   |
| 0) <10*   | Unsuitable      |

Score & Notes

2

\*Includes trees which are an existing or near future nuisance, including those clearly outgrowing their context, or which are significantly negating the potential of other trees of better quality

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees  | Highly suitable     |
| 4) Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public       | Suitable            |
| 3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only              | Suitable            |
| 2) Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty | Barely suitable     |
| 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size              | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes

3

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5) Principal components of arboricultural features, or veteran trees                           |
| 4) Tree groups, or members of groups important for their cohesion                              |
| 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance                       |
| 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual                              |
| 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features (inc. those of indifferent form) |

Score & Notes

1

### Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 9 or more points to qualify

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| 5) Immediate threat to tree   |
| 3) Foreseeable threat to tree |
| 2) Perceived threat to tree   |
| 1) Precautionary only         |

Score & Notes

5 – Application to reduce crown, FG/148/21/T

### Part 3: Decision guide

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|-------|-----------------------|
| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO      |
| 1-6   | TPO indefensible      |
| 7-11  | Does not merit TPO    |
| 12-15 | TPO defensible        |
| 16+   | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:

16

Decision:

Definitely merits TPO