

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

FROM: Ian Brewster TO: Peter Cleveland

PLANNING APPLICATION: FG/168/12/T

ADDRESS: Sea Lane Cottage 258 Goring Way Ferring BN12 5BZ

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Crown lift; raise canopy to 5 metres all round, cut back 2 metres, remove large branches by up to 1 metre and remove deadwood to 1No Holm Oak.

INSPECTION DATE: 8th January 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☒ No Objection ☐ Suggested Conditions ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

Comments:

The Evergreen Oak is clearly visible from the highway providing a good and prominent feature. Part of its beauty is that the crown retains a low canopy. Raising the crown to 5m would detract from its otherwise natural appearance. For practical purposes and for reasons of access there is a need to raise the crown to a moderate degree of 3.5m where light foliage above should be retained. The reduction back of the crown sides from both properties in order to remove encroachment from the aerial and roof is justified and the maximum branch lengths as stated in the application at 2m should not be exceed. The application refers to reducing large branches by 1m but this is vague and nonspecific.

Recommendation:

The proposed 5m crown lift is excessive and the 1m reduction of 'branches by up to 1 metre' is nonspecific (which branches?) and therefore consent should be refused for these operations. However the Crown reduction of 2m from the property sides (north side) is acceptable and should be carried out in accordance with BS3998 (2010) where a specific Planning Condition should be applicable.

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