

Planning Officer: Ms Myer

Planning Application Ref: FG/184/21/PL

Location: 1 Greenways Crescent, Ferring, BN12 5EF

Description of works: Erection of replacement dwelling and garage

Comments on Application:

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- The applicants have employed Duckworths Arboriculture to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Method Statement (AIA/MS) along with a Tree Protection Plan for this project.
- The Tree Survey data is comprehensive and accords with the requirements of BS5837:2012.

Conclusions:

- Trees of low quality and landscape value are (and will inevitably have) to be sacrificed for this scheme. The AIA/MS gives clear instruction for the implementation of adequate replacement planting around the site.
- The package of tree protection measures is sufficient to ensure retained trees have an opportunity to flourish post-development.

Recommendation:

- I recommend the above scheme for **APPROVAL**, subject to the following conditions being applied:
 1. Before any demolition of buildings or construction work takes place, written confirmation is required from the Arboricultural Expert representing the site owner(s), confirming that all protective fencing and ground protection has been inspected and found to be 'Fit for Purpose' as required under British Standard 5837:2012 and been erected and positioned exactly as shown on the **Tree Protection Plan, Ref: TPP 05585 / 2021 R1, May 2021**

Reasons: To ensure the retention and maintenance of trees and vegetation which are an important feature of the area in accordance with Policy D DM1 of the Arun Local Plan. It is considered necessary for this to be a pre-commencement condition as the protection and retention of trees goes to the heart of the planning permission.

2. All activity at the site is to be carried out in strict accordance with: - **Arboricultural Report, Ref: SCD 05585 / 2021 (Revision 1), May 2021**

- If there is deemed to be a need for any Utility Service Route connections to bisect retained tree Root Protection Areas, then prior to their installation a Method Statement prepared by an Arboricultural Expert must be submitted that stipulates how this can be achieved without adverse impact on tree roots. Written approval and confirmation of acceptance of this Methodology must be issued before any works are commenced out on site.

Reasons: To comply with BS5837 and to ensure that retained trees are afforded due respect and appropriate levels of protection such that their ongoing health and vitality is not compromised, and they can continue to enhance the landscape and amenity of the area.

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