

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: FG/205/18/T

Location: Wheatley, Greystoke Road, Ferring, BN12 5JL

Description of works: Crown reduction to growth points from previous tree surgery to 1 No. Ash tree within the Ferring Conservation area.

Reasons Given: Branches near touching house and potential root disruption of built driveway

Comments on Application:

Ash / *Fraxinus excelsior*

Height: Approx.16m

Average spread: 5m

Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. It grows at the front of the property very near to an old flint boundary wall. It can be seen from both neighbouring dwellings and public highway (road and footway).
- It has been the subject of past topping work and subsequent crown reduction resulting in irregular form.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time (late-spring to summer period, May to August); then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Condition To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

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

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