

Planning Officer: Andrew Wood

Planning Application Ref: FG/32/17/T

Location : 11a The Grove, Ferring

Description of works: 2.5m crown reduction and removal of one secondary limb above road

Applicants Reasons: Routine maintenance to keep tree in check and address perceived safety issue

Comments On Application:

Pedunculate Oak *Quercus robur* Height – 7m Avge Spread – 4m Age – Early-mature

- This tree has been very heavily topped out in the past and this has given it a squat appearance.
- It is a small tree with a crown comprised of regrowth from old pruning wounds.
- The basal decay is not significant and the limb over the road is stunted and has some decay but is not about to fail.

Conclusions:

- As this is not a large tree the chances of limb failure are minimal and I therefore see no justification for the removal of the westward limb above the access road.
- The crown reduction and reshaping of 2.5m will be more than effective in rendering this tree safe.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the 2.5m crown reduction exercise.
- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the requested removal of the secondary bough to the west side.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

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

- *See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.*



Consultant Arboriculturist