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Please ask for: Mr Denton

Your Ref: None

Our Ref: FG/32/17/T

Dear Mr Hobbs,

The Town & Country Planning Act 1990
The Town & Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 2012

Tree Application
11a The Grove, Ferring, BN12 5JA

I have just received the Arboriculturalists comments on your application, as it stands, the application is set to be refused.

Here are the comments:

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Pedunculate Oak *Quercus robur* Height – 7m Avg 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:

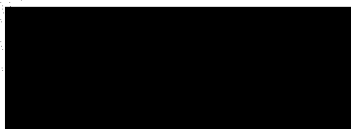
- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the 2.5m crown reduction exercise.
 - I recommend **REFUSAL** for the requested removal of the secondary bough to the west side.
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Following this, the application is set to be refused, however, I could amend the application to remove the removal of the bough, as this means it is more likely to be approved.

I believe that if the description of works was amended, it would increase the chance of an approval and allow you to do the crown reduction to the trees.

Please reply within 2 weeks so I can change this for you.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Z Denton
Planning Apprentice