

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Ross Leal

PLANNING APPLICATION: FG/34/15/TC

ADDRESS: 1 Home Farm Cottage 59 Ferringham Lane Ferring BN12 5LW

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce crown of 1 No. Pear tree by 2m & reduce crown down to 1m above main stem, crown thin by 25% & remove back branches to 1 No. Fig tree within the Ferring Conservation Area.

INSPECTION DATE: 13/03/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☒

Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☒

Suggested Conditions ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

T1 Species: Fig *figus spp* **Height:** 5 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 2 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

T2 Species: Fig *figus spp* **Height:** 4.5 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 2 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

Comments:

- The trees cited in this application are located in the area of Ferring. The surrounding landscape has reasonable mix of varying tree species, of differing age classes, that all appear to be relatively well established.
- The trees outlined are standing in a conservation area, and are not subject to a TPO order/s. This report will determine if a TPO order is required.
- It is clear from the site inspection that both **T1** and **T2** have been reduced on a number of occasions historically, to achieve a 'pollard' form.
- The applicant has requested to reduce the fig trees back to established pruning points. This would equate to the removal of no more than 3 meters extensional growth. According to the BS 3998 section 7.7.3, '*follow-up work after crown reduction to maintain the reduced crown as a framework for cyclic management, whereby the new branches are*

periodically cut back close to their points of origin'. This does mean the recommended management for these trees would be to adhere to the regime of pruning that has already been initiated.

Recommendation:

- As the requested reduction is likely to increase the retention span of both **T1** and **T2**, **I would have no objection to the proposed pruning activity.**

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