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Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FG/7/19/T

Location: 11a The Grove Ferring BN12 5JA

Description of works: Crown reduction to previous knuckles removing epicormic growth from main stem and crown break to 1 No. Oak tree

Reasons given: 1. To provide long-term clearance of overhead cables 2. Reduce stress on main stem during episodes of high wind speed

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: Approx.8m Average spread: 4m Age class: Early mature

- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. It has a compact form having been previously been subject to substantial modification of limbs and branches, but presents an attractive crown profile.
- There is a large old wound on the main stem with reasonable woundwood forming. There does not appear to be any significant decay associated.
- It grows to the front of the property and can be seen from most dwellings within the cul-de-sac but only with difficulty from the publicly accessible through road.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; 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:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.
- 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.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the late spring/summer (May to August) or winter (December to February) periods. The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

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.*

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