

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: FP/103/15/T

LOCATION: 6 Manor Copse
The Grove
Felpham

PROPOSAL: Reduce crowns of 11 No. Conifer trees by 3.5m & 1.5m laterally.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above
SITE AREA	N/A
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	11 Lawson Cypress trees which are subject of the application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	The above stated cypress trees at about 8m high.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Two storey traditional style block of flats with surrounding communal gardens.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Suburban residential.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

FP/99/12/T	Reduce 3 no. Sycamore trees & 15 no. Leylandii trees.	ApproveConditionally 06-08-2012
FP/130/12/TC	Crown reduction to 18 no. small Leylandii trees to be kept to a height of 1.5m (within the Felpham Conservation Area)	No Objection 06-08-2012

None relevant.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Felpham Parish Council

No objection. Work to be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon.

Conservation Area Advisory Committee- No objection.

Comments on Representations received:

Comments noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Arborist

Comments:

- The trees highlighted in this application are standing in a linear belt along the front (eastern) boundary of Manor Copse.
- It is clear from the site inspection that the trees cited in this application have had previous reductions. These reductions would of emulated the proposed reductions.
- 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 adhering to the instigated cycle of pruning is likely to increase the retention span of T1 - T11.

Recommendation:

- I would have no objection to the proposed operation/s of a vertical reduction of no more than 3.5 meters, and a lateral reduction of no more than 1.5 meters to T1 - T11 to previous points.
- The following conditions must be adhered to;

Conditions:

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

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

Crown Clean

The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight' and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

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Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted

POLICY CONTEXT

Site designations:-

Conservation Area
Listed Building Grade II
Tree Preservation Order

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun District Local Plan 2003:](#)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:
"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed works, subject to the recommended conditions are considered to be acceptable by the Tree Officer and will not harm the visual amenity of the area or long term health of the trees should they be carried out as advised.

Therefore the Council has no objection to the works subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

NO OBJECTION

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- 3 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.
- 4 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.