

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: FP/106/21/T

Location: 23 Broom Field Way, Felpham, PO22 8AQ

Description of works: 1no. ash tree height reduction to 18m

Reasons given: 1. Containment 2. Maintain good health

Comments on Application:

Ash / *Fraxinus excelsior* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state (and assumed to be so in the absence of any information/evidence provided to the contrary). It can be seen from surrounding residential dwellings and in part to users of the public highway.
- It is an important constituent of an established long line of trees which are a significant landscape feature and help define the character of the area.
- It has previously been the subject of crown reduction pruning. Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- If 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.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Part a) 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
- Part b) 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.
- Part c) 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.

Reasons: In the interests of the tree's 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

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August). The work should only be undertaken during this period.
- We are obliged to advise that where trees are situated on land not owned by the applicant the granting of consent by this authority does not by association give permission to undertake such works that require access onto/from that land. Nor does it permit any work to take place beyond the boundary of the applicant's property. Additional permission must first be obtained from the land/tree owner.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

