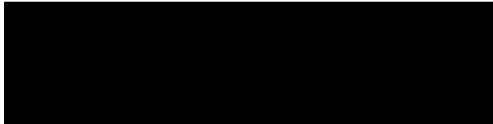


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## **PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY A TPO AND WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**

### **ADDRESS**

The Old Cottage, 10 Vicarage Lane, Felpham, Bognor Regis, PO22 7EA. This is a personal application on my own behalf.

### **DETAILS OF PROPOSAL**

The proposal relates to a protected Holm Oak tree (T1) in the north-western corner of the rear garden of 10 Vicarage Lane and a yew tree (T2) immediately adjacent to the holm oak. A site location plan is included within the application. The application site is a detached period property located on the east side of Vicarage Lane. To the west are two storey properties in Waterloo Road, to the north 3 storey properties in Limmer Lane and to the east The Old Rectory, converted to flats.

Within the rear garden there is also a substantial bay tree adjacent to the property (T3). It is not intended to carry out any work to this tree.

Surrounding properties are mainly private gardens and a parking area for Waterloo Court. There are more holm oaks within 12 Limmer Lane and a substantial stand of trees within the grounds of the Old Rectory, all of which have been severely reduced in recent years. The holm oak is highly visible from some distance away and is of high amenity and historic value.

Consent is sought to carry out the following works to (T1):

- Crown lift to 5 metres
- Removal of all 'hanging' branches
- Removal of all damaged branches and tidying of all wounds

Consent is also sought to the removal of the yew tree (T2)

### **REPRESENTATIONS**

The reasons for the works are set out below.

- The holm oak (T1) overhangs adjoining properties at the rear of 12 Limmer Lane and Waterloo Court in Waterloo Road. It is now causing a nuisance to these adjoining properties.
- The yew tree (T2) within the garden of 10 Vicarage Lane has grown over the last 20 years from a tree stump and is now in severe conflict with the holm oak. Reduction of

the yew is not considered to be an option due to its close proximity to the oak. Removal of the yew will benefit the holm oak spacially and protect its amenity value.

- The holm oak is located very close to the corner of the property and is affecting the flint walls which form the boundary with 12 Limmer Lane. A large fissure formed in the flintwork wall has recently been repaired.
- As part of these proposals I would be prepared to plant a replacement tree to replace the yew elsewhere within the grounds of the property. Although the rear garden is mature, space can be found for such a planting, subject to consultation on the type of tree to be planted.
- Reputable local arboriculturalists will be used to carry out the works, working to current standards of good practice.