

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: FP/110/18/T

Location: 'Lynton', 46 Roundle Avenue, Felpham

Description of works: Ash tree - Remove deadwood & reduce by 20%

Reasons Given: Risk of falling branches

Comments on Application:

Ash *Fraxinus excelsior* Height: Approx. 16m Average Spread: 8m Age: Mature/Over-mature

- This is a large and aged example of its type and one of several dominant trees in the local street scene; located roadside and visible from adjacent properties and to traffic accessing/exiting the estate.
- It appears to be in a rather poor physiological state, evidenced by a relatively large volume of deadwood across the upper crown and localised stem bleeding.
- Removal of deadwood alone would leave a strongly asymmetric and visually unattractive crown profile.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed will not result in any loss of visual amenity or undue detriment to the health of the tree. It is both necessary and desirable, so justified on arboricultural grounds.
- The removal of deadwood is an exemption and can be undertaken at any time without further recourse to this authority.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Works: -

- 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.
- Pruning work on live growth may only be undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (November to February) periods.

Reasons: In the interests of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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