

Planning Officer: Charlotte Burrows

Planning Application Ref: FP/118/18/T

Location: 26-28 Oakland Court, Admiralty Road, Felpham

Description of works: Re-Pollard two Holm Oak trees (T1&T2) by 1.5m to previous knuckle heads

Reasons Given: None stated

Comments on Application:

2x Holm oak	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Approx. height: 9 and 12m	Average spread: 5 and 6	Age: Mature
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- Both trees are mature and appear to be in a fine physiological state with full and healthy crowns. They have been subject to past crown modification resulting in a dense, compact form.
- They have previously undergone such intense 'containment pruning' (to accommodate adjacent development – 'pressure to prune') that repeat work of the kind now proposed will be necessary throughout their remaining lifespan to ensure they are in a structural condition appropriate for this location.
- They enjoy a prominent roadside position and so contribute to the street scene as well as being visible from surrounding residential properties.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard, then repeat crown reduction at this time is unlikely to have a negative effect on long-term health and vitality.
- The proposal to reduce overall height and spread with a view to restricting 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 condition:

Condition - 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 below the point of origin.

Reason - In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery, in the interests of tree health and long-term vitality.

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