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Hi Zac,

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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Date Inspected: 7th March 2018

Planning Officer: **Zac Denton**

Planning Application Ref: **FP/13/18/T**

Location: **37 Felpham Road, Bognor Regis**

Description of works: **2m Crown Reduction to 1No. Hornbeam.**

Reasons Given: **To improve light to Nos.40 and 42 Gateway Lodge**

Comments on Application:

Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus* Height: Approx. 14m Average spread: 6m Age: Early-mature

- This is a fine example of its type, with excellent form arising from a lack of significant crown modification. Although not comprehensively assessed, it has apparent good health and appears stable and free of significant structural defect. It is visible from the adjacent public highway and neighbouring properties, thereby provides a notable visual amenity.
- Low branches have been removed in the past to permit access for vehicles to the commercial premises at the rear of adjacent property and achieve satisfactory overhead clearance of footpath serving residential properties – this has not had a detrimental effect on the tree's overall aesthetic value. Canopy height at present is adequate on all aspects.
- It is probably self-seeded and grows out of a short, steep bank – flanked on either side by the aforementioned access road and a low flint wall. It has an overbearing effect on the relatively recent development (Gateway Lodge).

Conclusion:

- The work proposed is not justified on arboricultural grounds and would irrevocably diminish the tree's aesthetic value, thereby incurring a loss of amenity value to the surrounding area.

Advisory:

- Building interference is negligible at this time but likely to be direct in the near term. The removal/reduction of several small (<50mm diameter) lateral branches would be adequate to provide satisfactory clearance of no more than 1.5metres. If the applicant were to re-submit a new application to this effect, I would be able to recommend consent.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

Mark Warwick

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