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Hi Zac

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FP/14/18/T

Location: 6 Wellers Close, Felpham

Description of works: Crown reduction of 3m to 1No. Hazel & crown reduction of 1.5 to 1No. Hawthorn.

Reasons Given: To remove boundary overhang.

Comments on Application:

T1 - Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Approx. Height: 6m	Ave. Spread: 2.5m	Age class: Mature
T2 - Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Approx. Height: 6m	Ave. Spread: 2m	Age class: Mature

- Access was restricted to viewing only from the driveway but this is sufficient to determine the application.
- Both trees are of apparent good health with moderate form. The hazel is multi-stemmed coppice and the hawthorn is of broadly standard form – both are key constituent parts of established hedgerow which helps define the border of adjacent golf course.
- They are clearly visible from the golf course and although indistinct, add value by virtue of their contribution to group cohesion and native status rather than being of individual merit.
- They are visible from only one neighbouring residential property and only with difficulty from the property frontage.

Conclusions:

- The proposed work seeks to substantially reduce the height and spread of both trees, which exceeds that as necessary to simply achieve the removal of property overhang. This would involve working beyond the applicant's property boundary - such work will require the permission of the adjacent land/tree-owner.
- The trees should continue to make a small but worthwhile visual and ecological contribution to the immediate locality while remaining viable for long-term retention despite the intense management they are likely to receive.

Advisory:

- Where trees are situated on land not owned by the applicant and proposals involve working beyond their property curtilage, then the granting of consent by the local planning authority does not give permission to undertake such work without first obtaining authority from the tree owner.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to All 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.

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

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