

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FP/153/17/T

Location: Piorry Garty 16 Roundle Square, Bognor Regis

Description of works: 3m crown reduction to 1 No Copper Beech

Reasons Given: Casting heavy shade and dominating garden

Comments:

Purple Beech *Fagus sylvatica 'Purpurea'* Height – 9m Spread – 5m Age – Early Mature

- A mature tree of low spreading proportions due to previous pruning regime.
- Due to its dense canopy and low branching habit and dark purple leaf It causes shading of the front garden being positioned to the south side of same.
- I would support some pruning work to keep this tree under control.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce the height and spread by 3m exceeds the recommendations of BS3998 and would be likely to result in harm to the health and vitality of the tree with large pruning wounds being formed as well as undermining its visual amenity value and impact in the landscape.

Recommendations:

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

ADVISORY:

It is suggested that the applicant re-submits seeking the following works:-

1. *Reduce the overall height of the tree by 2.5m to 3m.*
2. *Reduce the length of the lateral branches of the tree in an even and balanced fashion by up to 1.5m maximum.*



Consultant Arboriculturist