

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner
Planning Application Ref: FP/154/19/T
Location: 33 Roundle Avenue, Felpham, PO22 8LL
Description of works: Crown reduction by 3.5m - 4m to 1no. ash tree
Reasons Given: None provided

Comments on Application:

Ash / *Fraxinus excelsior* Approx. height: 16m Average spread: 6m Age class: Mature

- This tree had been 'topped' at around 5m height but has grown-on well and presents an attractive crown profile. Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state and structurally sound.
- It grows at the front of the property and is prominent roadside, being visible from both numerous properties and to traffic across this part of the estate. As such, it has public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The tree work proposed in the application has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.
- No reasons have been provided in support of the work proposal. I am unable to advise appropriate lesser works at this time without the applicant's stated aim(s) in mind.

Recommendations:

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team