

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton
Planning Application Ref: FP/158/18/T
Location: Gateway Lodge, Felpham Road, Felpham PO22 7NS
Description of works: Various work to various trees
Reasons Given: General maintenance, building clearance

Comments on Application:

T1 Horse chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Height: approx. 16m	Average spread: 6m	Age class: Mature
G1 Mixed tree group	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus, Laburnum anagyroides, Laurus nobilis</i>			
T5 Bay laurel	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Height: approx. 9m	Average spread: 3m	Age class: Mature
T6 Holm oak	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Height: approx. 13	Average spread: 3m	Age class: Early mature
T9 Horse chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Height: approx. 12m	Average spread: 6m	Age class: Early mature

- The applicant has employed Andrew Gale Tree Surgery Ltd. as agent, to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for each item.

Notes for clarification of work specification:

T1 – A crown lift of 4m has been proposed to achieve adequate overhead clearance above driveway access and car parking area. The tree is growing from higher ground beyond a brick retaining wall. The extent of crown lifting approved therefore, is to be determined from the adjacent roadway, not at the higher level from which the stem emerges.

Conclusions:

- The schedule of work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. High profile specimen trees of significant public and visual amenity are to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of property, gardens, access routes - and with respect to natural tree form.
- If undertaken to a high standard, this work will not incur a significant loss of amenity value to the surrounding area.
- With specific regard to T6 - while a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendations:

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

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.
- T6 - 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 beyond the point of origin.

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

- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.

Mark Warwick
 Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

