

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: David Eastern

PLANNING APPLICATION: FP/159/14/T

ADDRESS: 38 Outerwyke Road Felpham PO22 8NF

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce & shape 1No. Oak tree by 2metres & raise crown by 4 metres

INSPECTION DATE: 09/10/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☒

Suggested Conditions ☒

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☐

Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Survey:

Species: Oak *Quercus spp* Height: 14 meters Average Crown Spread: 5 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair to good Age Class: early mature

Comments:

- The outlined tree is situated in a highly visible location abutting Outerwyke road, Felpham.
- The surrounding landscapes tree stock consists mainly of smaller tree species, with a few larger specimens sparsely dotted about.
- From the site inspection it is clear that this tree has had a previous reduction/s. This individual has responded by putting on a significant amount of epicormic growth up the main stem and extensions of latertral growth from the reduction points .
- The application has requested a 4 meter crown lift, and a 2 meter crown reduction. In effect this would result in the removal of the epicormic growth and the reduction of the new extension regrowth back to the previous pruning points.

Recommendation:

- **It is therefore my recommendation that this operation should be allowed to take place.** The justification is that epicormic growth should be removed from all hosts, as it is more likely to fail than established limbs. Also the 2 meter crown reduction would see the outlined trees regrowth brought back to previous reduction points. As the reduction process has already been instigated, it would be best practise to ensure the regrowth does not get to an incremental size where it would be more likely to fail.

Planning Conditions:

The applicant is to follow the following Conditions:

Condition 1: Crown Reduction

The Crown Reduction should not exceed the removal of single branch lengths which are greater than **1m** from the periphery of the original crown diameter. The branch removals should leave healthy substantial leaf bearing side branches. All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3rd** in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **100mm** in diameter.

REASON

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Conditions 2: Crown Lift

The crown of both trees will be pruned to provide a vertical clearance above ground level over the highway up to **3.5m**. Branches found within the clearance height having diameters greater than **100mm** should be shortened and no more than 15% of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed to facilitate the unobstructed free passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

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