

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: FP/159/14/T

LOCATION: 38 Outerwyke Road
Felpham

PROPOSAL: Reduce & shape 1No. Oak tree by 2m & raise crown by 4m

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	The tree the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	1m high boundary wall forward of primary elevation and adjacent to the highway with a 1.5m high close boarded fence on the side (eastern) elevation (forward of the principle elevation).
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	A detached two storey dwelling located on a large corner plot adjacent to Outerwyke Road and Binsted Avenue. The property features an integral garage with brick finish on ground floor and a pebble-dashed finish to the first floor, with brown windows and a tiled roof.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The area is predominantly residential with properties of various styles and designs - primarily two storey although a number of bungalows are also present.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

No comments.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Felpham Parish Council
Felpham Parish Council:-

Felpham Parish Council have no objections to this application. Felpham Parish tree warden provided the following statement: This old tree is in good health, and need to be pruned as suggested above. Work to be carried out by an experienced tree surgeon.

Comments on Representations received:

Comments noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Council's Arboriculturalist:-

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.
- Form 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 form 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 then 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.

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Adopted Local Plan
Tree Preservation Order
No Public Sewer

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun District Local Plan 2003:](#)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under References ID 36-090-20140306 and 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The tree is a prominent feature within the street scene and provide considerable public amenity.

It is identified by the Council's Tree Officer that the tree has had previous reductions and has responded with significant growth from the reduction points. The applications seeks permission for a 4 metre crown lift and a 2 metre crown reduction. The Council's Tree Officer notes that this would result in the removal of the epicormic growth and the reduction of the new extension regrowth back to the previous pruning points.

Therefore, it is recommend that subject to the following conditions that this application is approved.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The works hereby approved shall involve the reduction and reshaping of 1No. Oak tree and crown raise of 4 metres. Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all branches which need to be shortened are to be cut at the correct angle and adjacent to a live bud or lateral as defined and illustrated in BS3998:2010.

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

- 2 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: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of retaining good health and amenity.

- 3 The crown of the tree 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.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of retaining good health and amenity.

- 4 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

- 5 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

- 6 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

- 7 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.