

**Planning Officer:** Richard Sherman

**Planning Application Ref:** FP/182/21/T

**Location:** 11A Outerwyke Avenue, Felpham, PO22 8JH

**Description of works:** 1no. Turkey oak - reduce limbs by 3m to leave 5m

**Reasons given:** None provided

**Comments on Application:**

**Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur*** Approx. height: 14m Average radial spread: 8m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary. It presents an attractive crown profile seen from numerous properties and by users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, it has high amenity value.
- A long-established tree that grows at the front of the property and close to the dwelling (11A). It dominates half of the front garden and is probably impacting on the fabric of the building. I assume this is the reason for the application although none were given.
- The extent of crown reduction being sought is approximately -60% of crown volume. In the absence of any overriding and proven safety issue or damage event, such a drastic operation fails to meet the requirements of British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work - Recommendations.

**Conclusions:**

- This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression.
- The proposal to reduce both height and lateral spread on all aspects by 3m respectively does not comply with 'British Standard (BS3998:2010) Tree work – Recommendations' 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.

**Recommendation:**

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

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