

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: FP/187/18/T

Location: 10a Kingsmead, Felpham, West Sussex PO22 7BE

Description of works: Pruning of 3No. limbs on the Western aspect of 1No. Sweet Chestnut.

Reasons Given: Low and declining branches adjacent driveway

Comments on Application:

Sweet chestnut *Castanea sativa* Height: Approx. 13m Average spread: 4.5m Age class: Mature

- This is a prominent tree in the street-scene, being highly visible from the adjacent public highway (road and footway) and neighbouring properties; thereby providing a notable visual amenity.
- It is a relatively large tree in close proximity to dwelling but appears to have been successfully accommodated within the recent development at this plot.
- It appears to be healthy and stable. It has previously been pollarded (from around 5-6m ht.) and grown-on well to achieve an attractive crown profile.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to achieve adequate overhead clearance for the driveway and with respect to natural tree form.
- The tree is a notable feature in the street scene and appears to be in a sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would not result in a diminution of the tree's visual impact or ongoing health and vitality.

Recommendations:

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

Condition To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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

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.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

