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Subject: Prior Notification Of Works To Tree(s) In A Conservation Area - FP/190/18/TC

Application ref: FP/190/18/TC

Location: Land between 3 and 9 Old Rectory Gardens, Felpham

Works proposed: 1.5m Crown Reduction of 1No. Willow & 1No. Bay within Felpham conservation area.

I visited this location on July 3rd 2018, to determine the aforementioned Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice.

There are two trees proposed for pruning work within this application.

The willow tree is correctly identified and plotted reasonably accurately on the plan. I am able to make a determination on this element of the application although I would advise the applicant subsequently considers stating an intention to remove low growth above the adjacent road to a minimum height of 5metres and back to the kerbline, in a new application. On completion, that work would meet their obligation to ensure unobstructed access along the public highway for high-sided vehicles.

In any event, I would not object to the work currently proposed on this tree and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order.

The only bay tree (*Laurus nobilis*) in the immediate locality is a small specimen of no more than 5metres height, growing approximately 8metres due southeast of the aforementioned willow and adjacent a boundary fence. It grows from within the rear garden of 24 Limmer Lane. This is a considerable distance from the position marked on the applicant's plan. The mark would seem to correspond with the position of a mature silver birch tree.

The information provided in relation to the bay tree does not correspond with my observations on site, so I am unable to determine this element of the application.

Recommendation:

I suggest the applicant re-submits an application following advice from a Tree Specialist who will be able to correctly identify and accurately plot on a map all trees intended for work. This must be supported by an appropriate and comprehensive work specification, to enable us to make an informed decision.

Kind regards,

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