

Planning Officer: Zac Denton
Planning Application Ref: FP/1/18/T
Location: Windwhistle, 2 Admiralty Gardens, Felpham
Description of works: Fell 1No. Prunus
Reasons Given: Rot in main trunk, two large branches splitting

Comments on Application:

Purple-leaved plum *Prunus cerasifera Nigra* Approx. height: 8m Average Spread: 3m Age: Mature

- Tree appears to be in a fine physiological state despite successive stem, limb and branch failures. It has recently shed a large co-dominant stem and the remaining portion is tentatively upright. The majority of these failures appear to be closely associated with a lack of early-years formative pruning and subsequent bark inclusion at junctions – for which this type of tree has a natural propensity.
- It is visible from the adjacent public highway and neighbouring property.
- It is located within a well-managed garden densely planted with ornamental and native trees/shrubs of considerable merit.

Conclusions:

- This tree has become unviable for safe retention, presenting an unacceptable level of risk to persons and property which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated by pruning or other measures.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

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

Mark Warwick

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