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**Subject:** Prior Notification Of Works To Tree(s) In A Conservation Area - FP/213/18/TC

Application ref: **FP/213/18/TC**

Location: St Marys Church, Felpham Road, Felpham PO22 7NU

Works proposed: Reduce overhanging branches by 30-40m to 1 No Beech tree within the Felpham Conservation Area

I visited this location on November 6th 2018, to determine the aforementioned Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice.

Unfortunately the information provided by the applicant is not sufficient for me to make a decision, which I explain below:

- i) The obvious candidate (tree) for pruning work to address building interference is an early-mature lime, not a beech as described.
- ii) The plan shows a linear tree group, parallel with the main (Felpham) road. The aforementioned lime is one of five that run alongside the building (Deligo sandwich bar/deli) and across the cemetery's south boundary; perpendicular to the main road.
- iii) The work proposal '*reduce overhanging branches by 30-40m*' is possibly an error in translation although an assumed 3-4m clearance would still be excessive and spoil the appearance of this tree.

My advice would be to ask the applicant to revise their Notice/or withdraw it – so as to accurately describe the position of the tree and propose a more sensitive work specification, as follows:

*Prune back branches to achieve a maximum of 1.5m building clearance and 6m overhead clearance across property frontage.*

If this is not acceptable to the applicant (or us), then as the Notice has already been validated we would seem to have no alternative to making a Tree Preservation Order.

**Please let me know how you wish to proceed so I can provide further information if required.**

Kind regards,

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