

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: FP/239/18/T

Location: The Ridings, Wedgewood Road, Beach Estate, Felpham PO22 7JF

Description of works: Reduce back to previous treatment knuckles 1No. Oak tree. Reduce southern aspect by 3m to 2No Oak trees.

Reasons Given: Excessive shade over garden

Comments on Application:

3x Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Average height: Approx.10m Average spread: 4m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance they appear to be in a fine physiological state. They grow at the rear of the applicant's property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings.
- They form part of an established tree-lined boundary and are significant constituents of the high canopy locally, visible from public highway.
- The applicant proposes a potential 3metre reduction of lateral spread (south aspect only) to T1 and T2.
- The proposal for T3 is to repeat partial crown reduction.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain reasonable enjoyment of the garden with respect to natural tree form.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.
- Re: T3 - The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- The long-term vitality of these trees is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the late-spring to summer (May to August) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods. The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

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.*

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

