

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

REF NO: FP/239/18/T

LOCATION: The Ridings  
Wedgewood Road  
Beach Estate  
Felpham

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

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| <b>SITE AND SURROUNDINGS</b> |
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| DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION | As above                                                               |
| TREES                      | The trees outlined in this application are located in the rear garden. |
| SITE CHARACTERISTICS       | Dwelling with gardens to front and rear.                               |
| CHARACTER OF LOCALITY      | Residential area.                                                      |

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| <b>RELEVANT SITE HISTORY</b> |
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| FP/240/15/T | Remove south facing limb to 1 No. Oak Tree. | ApproveConditionally<br>15-02-16 |
| FP/186/15/T | Various surgery to 6No. Oak trees           | ApproveConditionally<br>01-12-15 |

History noted.

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| <b>REPRESENTATIONS</b> |
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**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:**

Felpham Parish Council

Felpham Parish Council:

No Objection - Tree Warden advises work to be carried out by an experienced and professional Tree Surgeon.

No representations received from nearby occupiers.

**COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:**

Comments noted.

## CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

### CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

Tree Officer Comments:

- 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

### COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Comments noted

### DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICES

### PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:

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| NPPF | National Planning Policy Framework  |
| NPPG | National Planning Practice Guidance |

**POLICY COMMENTARY**

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

**DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND**

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity

**OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Following comments from the Tree Officer it is recommended consent be approved subject to the following conditions and informatives.

**HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

The Council in making a decision should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as Arun District Council to act in a manner, which is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

Consideration has been specifically given to Article 8 (right to respect private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property). It is not considered that the recommendation for approval of the grant of permission in this case interferes unreasonably with any local residents' right to respect for their private and family life and home, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest and the recommendation for approval is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

**DUTY UNDER THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010**

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In assessing this proposal the following impacts have been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

The proposal would have a neutral impact on the protected characteristics.

**RECOMMENDATION**

## APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

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INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.
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INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc ) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.