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Subject: FP/243/19/T

Lynnyrd

Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: FP/243/19/T

Location: Rosewood, 7A The Crescent, Felpham, PO22 7HB

Description of works: Crown reduction by 2.5m back to last pruning points 1no. golden *Robinia* tree

Reasons Given: Cyclical pruning to maintain tree at limited dimensions

Comments on Application:

False acacia / *Robinia pseudoacacia* Approx. height: 14m Average spread: 5m Age class: Mature

- It grows at the front of the property and is a prominent feature in the street-scene. It is highly visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).
- It is an established tree of apparent good health albeit with a heavily modified crown. It has responded well to the last reduction pruning work (c2017), recovering 2-3m growth from established knuckles.

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 proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendations:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Part b) 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.
- Part c) 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.
- Part d) The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late-spring to summer period (May to August). The work proposed must only be undertaken during this period.

Reasons: In the interests of the tree's 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*

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