

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: FP/256/18/T

Location: Meadows Keep (Park & Open Space), Rear of 7-11 Normans Drive, Felpham

Description of works: Crown lift maximum 6m to 1 No. oak tree and 5 No. field maple trees

Reasons Given: To reduce quantity of low-level boundary overhang

Comments on Application:

T1 - Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: Approx. 16m	Average spread: 8m	Age class: Mature
G2 - 5x Field maple / <i>Acer campestre</i>	Height: Approx. 10m	Average spread: 3m	Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state with relatively unmodified and attractive crown profiles.
- They all form part of an established boundary-line of trees, that add value to the surrounding estates and are important constituents of the local green infrastructure. They can be seen from neighbouring dwellings and public highway (road and footway).
- Low growth is beginning to encroach into the gardens of properties in Normans Drive which if left unchecked would constitute a nuisance.

Conclusions:

- These trees require careful management that respect their age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression.
- 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 residential gardens 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 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
- 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.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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