

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FP/257/17/T

Location : Open Space bordered by Copeland Road and The Ridgeway and Minton Road, Felpham

Description of works: Various works to trees on the green.

Applicants Reasons: To control growth habit remove a danger and clear back from the road.

Comments On Application:

A Grey Poplar *Populus canescens* Height – 6m Avge Spread – 4m Age – Semi Mature

- Small tree with a utility cable through the upper crown

B Holm Oak *Quercus ilex* Height – 5m Avge Spread – 5m Age – Semi Mature

- Flat topped with a utility cable through the upper crown.
- Low overhang of the road to the west side.

C Horse Chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum* Height – 5m Avge Spread – 3m Age – Semi Mature

- Extensive Bleeding Canker wounds throughout.
- Low vigour and vitality nd significant dieback.

D Pines *Pinus spp.*

- Small low branching trees.

Conclusions:

A Grey Poplar *Populus canescens* - a small tree and removing 4m would leave just a trunk devoid of foliage totally undermining its value in the landscape and contrary to BS3998 recommendations.

B Holm Oak *Quercus ilex* - the low overhang of the road is a danger and must be dealt with.

C Horse Chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum* - in a state of terminal decline.

D Pines *Pinus spp.* - do contain a lot of dead branches

Recommendation:

I recommend **APPROVAL** for the following works :-

B Holm Oak trim back the lateral branches on the west side ONLY to clear back from the road –

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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.

- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.***

C **Horse Chestnut** - fell and grub out the stump and plant a replacement tree – to be one of the following :

- Once the Chestnut tree has been removed in a safe and controlled manner and the stump and primary root runs ground or grubbed out a replacement tree is to be planted in its place.
- This is to be of **Standard Nursery Stock** – a tree of 8ft to 10ft in height and 8cm to 10cm in circumference staked and tied on a short staking system planted within 12 months of the original trees removal.
- It is to be one of the following species:-

Sweet Gum – *Liquidambar styraciflua* / **Ornamental Maple** – *Acer capillipes* or *Acer rubrum* or *Acer 'Davidii'* / **Foxglove Tree** – *Paulownia tomentosa* / **Indian Bean Tree** – *Catalpa bignonioides*

Advisory : Bare root trees can only be planted between October and the end of March the following year but containerised stock can be planted at any time of year but may require more watering in than bare root stock.

D **Pines** - permission is not required to remove deadwood.

I recommend **REFUSAL** for the following works:-

A **Grey Poplar** - reduction by 4m in height and 2m in spread.

ADVISORY – suggest applicant resubmits seeking:-

1. ***Reduce in height by 2m***
2. ***Reduce lateral spread by 1m.***

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