

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: FP/266/18/T

Location: Between 3-9 Old Rectory Gardens, Felpham, PO22 7ER

Description of works: Remove 2-3m from lower over-hanging branches to 1 No. willow tree

Reasons Given: To achieve adequate clearance of the public highway.

Comments on Application:

Golden weeping willow / *Salix x sepulcralis Chrysocoma* Height: Approx. 9m Average spread: 4m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable, although with an erratically modified and asymmetric crown profile – an inevitable consequence of its pendulous character and proximity to the carriageway. It has previously been pollarded. The work proposed will help to balance the crown profile and meet the applicant's obligation to ensure adequate clearance of the carriageway.
- It is a prominent feature in the close and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings and publicly accessible land.

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 achieve adequate clearance of the public highway.

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.

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

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