

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FP/267/17/T

Location : 12 The Midway, Felpham

Description of works: Reduce crown of 1 No Horse Chestnut tree by 2.5m & deadwood.

Applicants Reasons : Routine maintenance to control growth habit.

Comments On Application:

Horse Chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum* Height = 12m Avge spread = 5m Age = Mature

- A healthy maturing tree that has been heavily topped out in the past and recovered a full crown.
- Sound and healthy and makes an impact in the landscape although it is in the rear garden.

Conclusions:

- Reducing this tree down by 2.5m from 12m to 9m would be excessive and exceed the previous pruning points which have been referred to.
- I assume that this is simply a confusion and misconception of what 2.5m actually represents so would be prepared to determine this application on the basis of the other definition provided which is 'reduce down to the previous pruning points'.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the reduction of the Chestnut down to the previous pruning points but no lower than this.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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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