

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: FP/271/17/T

Location : 37 Lindsey Court, Felpham

Description of works: Reduce crown of 2 No Field Maple trees by 2.5m.

Applicants Reasons : Routine maintenance to control growth habit.

Comments On Application:

2 x Field Maples *Acer campestre* Height = 7m Avge spread = 3m Age = Early-Mature

- Fairly healthy maturing trees.
- Sound and healthy and make an impact in the landscape although they are in the rear garden.

Conclusions:

- Reducing these trees down by 2.5m would be excessive and exceed the previous pruning points and leave the crown devoid of foliage with just stumps.
- This work exceeds the recommendations of BS3998 and would undermine these trees amenity value in the landscape.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the reduction of the Field Maples by 2.5m.

ADVISORY:

I advise that the applicant re-submits seeking the following works:

1. Reduce the height and spread of both trees by a maximum of 1m overall.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works – Subject to the applicant coming back in with a reduced pruning request: -

- 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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