

Planning Officer : Janice Chapman

Planning Application Ref: FP/46/14/T

Location : Rosewood 7a The Crescent, Felpham

Description of works: Reduce the crown of 1 no Golden Acacia by 2.5m back to previous pruning points.

Reasons Given: Last pruned in 2007 and when in leaf it is starting to touch the garage roof of 7a and the house roof of No7.

Comments On Application:

T1 Golden False Acacia Robinia pseudoacacia 'Frisia'

Height – 14m : Avge Spread – 4 to 5m : Age – Early Mature : Grnd Clear 4m

- It is a multi-stemmed tree of fair shape and form
- It has been heavily lopped and topped in the past by around 2.5m to constrain growth potential
- The periodic lopping and topping of this tree has already become established practice.
- This operation would simply be a repeat of a previous approval.

Conclusions:

As this repeat pruning operation would not exceed the previous pruning points it should not result in damage to the health and vitality of this tree.

Recommendation:

I would **Approve** of the following description of the works:-

- **Reduce overall by varying degrees but up to a maximum of 2.5m - but this must not exceed the previous pruning points.**

Condition To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also 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.

Advisory:

Attention is drawn to the fact that some mature trees could provide suitable habitat for bird nesting (ivy and cavities) and bat roosting (ivy, branch cracks and cavities) and this might at certain times of year influence and possibly restrict the form of management which can be applied. Given the legal constraints imposed by the Habitat Regulations and the Wildlife and Countryside Act and the fact that it is a criminal offence to disturb or destroy nest sites, this may necessitate expert ecological advice being sought before proceeding with these recommendations. As a minimum requirement it will be necessary for the appointed Tree Contractor to climb the trees and verify that there are no birds nesting or bats present in splits; holes and cavities prior to commencement of works.

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