

DECISION NOTICE

Application Ref: FP/4/26/T

1 To Addressee

RTT Services South Ltd
Acorn Barn
Worms lane
Middleton-On-Sea
Bognor Regis
PO22 6BD

2 Site Address

9 Normans Drive
Felpham
PO22 8LW

3 Description of Development

Crown lift on east aspect only, to achieve a maximum of four metres overhead clearance above the rear gardens of 9 and 11 Normans Drive. Reduce back branches overhanging gardens of 9 and 11 Normans Drive, to leave a minimum of 7m radial spread when measured from the bark of T1 main stem. This effectively leaves a minimum of 2.5m crown overhanging the plot when measured from the rear garden boundary fence line.

4 In pursuance of their powers under this Act and these Regulations the Council **GRANT** consent for the operations to be carried out in accordance with the application and plan and subject to the conditions specified.

The Council certify that they are satisfied that the conditions specified are in the interests of good forestry or in the case of trees other than those comprised in woodlands, that the trees have an outstanding or special amenity value.

1 Part a) 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

Part b) 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 interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0345 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.

INFORMATIVE: Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning deciduous oak trees is late spring to summer (May to August). Winter months when the trees are dormant is the traditional season for such work and certainly much less harmful than undertaking during spring or autumn, which should be avoided.

INFORMATIVE: Where an applicant is not the stated owner of the tree(s) and proposed works are not in response to an emergency situation, permission must first be obtained from the landowner before operating beyond the boundary of their own property. Consent from the local planning authority does not by association permit approved works to be undertaken without such permission.

In this instance, the applicant or their agent will need written permission from Arun District Council's Parks and Greenspace Team, if intending to operate over or from land owned by the local authority. A method statement detailing when and how the work will be carried out, from access/setting up to post-pruning tidying up of site and departure, appropriate certificates of competency in the relevant tree work operations and evidence of 3rd party/public liability insurance to the necessary level of cover, will first need to be submitted for our consideration.

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The Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex BN17 5LF

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE NOTES ATTACHED TO THIS DOCUMENT

NOTES RELATING TO APPLICATIONS TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREES

Appeals under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

If you are aggrieved by the local planning authority's decision to refuse consent, you can appeal to the Secretary of State within 28 days of the date of this notice.

Appeals should be made on line via Appeal A Planning Decision <https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/before-you-start> If someone does not have access to the internet and needs help completing the appeal digitally, they should contact the Planning Inspectorate customer service team on 0303 444 5000 who will provide details of the support options available.

Before making an appeal, you may find it useful to review guidance and watch a video explaining the appeals process at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/make-an-appeal-to-the-planning-inspectorate-and-associated-guidance>

COMPENSATION

If you suffer loss or damage which is caused or incurred in consequence of this refusal of consent, you are entitled to recover from the Council compensation in respect of such loss or damage. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the First Secretary of State, within 12 months from the date of his decision). Claims should be submitted in writing to the Group Head of Planning, Arun District Council, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5LF.

Please note that this decision notice only relates to matters under the Planning Acts and does not give consent under any other legislation that may apply to the development. You will need to carry out your own checks to determine whether any other consents or permissions are required. For example, the Building Regulations are likely to apply to most developments, and a Highways Licence may be required from West Sussex County Council for any development within the public highway (including the placing of skips on highway land).