

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: FP/57/22/T
Location: 71 Outerwyke Road, Felpham, PO22 8LT
Proposal: 1no. maple tree (T1) - Reduce Northern aspect by 2m to leave 10m
Reasons given: None provided

Comments on Application:

T1 Field maple / *Acer campestre* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary. There are four distinct stems from near ground level suggesting there is likely more than one tree in the cluster. Root and crown cohesion is such they can be reasonably considered as a single feature. All subject of Tree Preservation Order (Bognor No.5).
- This is a long-established tree offering high levels of visual amenity and is an important constituent of historic boundary oak and field maple.
- It is a requirement when specifying crown/branch reduction work that the amount (length) remaining post-work is stated in advance so that any issues around compliance can be easily resolved. In this case, the diameter of the tree is recorded at 12metres.
- I accurately measured maximum radial crown spread on the north aspect (towards house) as 8metres from centre of nearest stem base.

Conclusion:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. This is a prominent tree of high amenity, to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural form.
- If the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition 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.

Part c) T1 must be reduced in lateral spread and on the North aspect only, to leave a minimum of 8metres when measured from the centre of nearest main stem.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's 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***

Mark Warwick
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

