

Planning Officer: Zac Denton
Planning Application Ref: FP/66/18/T
Location: 28 Kingsmead, Felpham
Description of works: Crown reduction of 1No. Holm Oak by 1.5m - 2m & crown raise to 4m
Reasons Given: Affecting neighbouring houses and restricting vehicle access

Comments on Application:

Holm oak	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	Height: Approx. 13m	Average spread: 8m	Age: Mature
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- This tree is visible from surrounding properties and the public highway. It has prominence; providing a notable backdrop to persons/vehicles entering this end of Kingsmead. From that aspect it has good form.
- It appears to be in a fine physiological state. It is a lapsed pollard and has subsequently developed a dense limb/branch framework extending far out on all aspects. As a consequence it now dominates the garden corners of two properties and branches hang low over/directly abut several outbuildings.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified as low growth is at a height that will interfere with the passage of high-sided vehicles and limits reasonable enjoyment of garden areas and maintenance of outbuildings.
- A crown reduction as proposed if undertaken to a high standard; will ensure greater harmony with its surroundings and may provide some benefit in respect of longer-term structural integrity.
- This work is necessary and should not incur a notable diminution of its visual amenity.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- The extent of overhead clearance achieved following branch reduction/removal must not exceed 4metres.
- 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.

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