

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FP/96/17/T

Location : 5 Admiralty Road, Felpham

Description of works: Fell 1 No Bay tree

Applicants Reasons Tree is diseased and undermined by decay + damaging boundary wall.

Comments On Application:

Bay laurel *Laurus nobilis* Height : 8m Avge.Spread : 5m Age : Mature

- This tree is multi-stemmed at ground level with a significant flare to the basal area and direct contact with the wall which has pushed the wall out of alignment.
- This will continue year on year and the normal course of action would be to insist on a reinforced lintel to span the gap when the wall is rebuilt but there is no space to achieve this and the ground clearance would have to be about 1m.
- Added to which this tree contains dieback and has been poorly pruned in the past which has left it unbalanced and of poor shape and form overall.

Conclusions:

- The wall needs to be repaired for safety reasons.
- This cannot be done whilst the tree remains at this location.
- There are no suitable pruning or building solutions applicable in this instance.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** of this application on the grounds that this is a tree of low value and there are no pruning or building solutions applicable in this instance.
- There will be a requirement to plant a new tree in this front garden but not at the same location – but rather one that is acceptable to the owners.
- This is to be of **Light Standard Nursery Stock** – a tree of 6ft to 8ft in height and 8cm to 10cm in circumference staked and tied on a short staking system- to be planted within 12 months of the original trees removal.
- It is to be one of the following species:-

Snowy Mespilus – *Amelanchier lamarckii*

Ornamental Maple – *Acer capillipes* or *Acer rubrum* or *Acer 'Davidii'*

Foxglove Tree – *Paulownia tomentosa*

Strawberry Tree – *Arbutus unedo*

Advisory :

- *Bare root trees can only be planted between October and the end of March the following year but containerised stock can be planted at any time of year but may require more watering in than bare root stock*


Consultant Arboriculturist