

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: LU/139/17/T

Location : 2 The Art Barn, East Street, Littlehampton

Description of works: 2m crown reduction of western, eastern and southern sides to a Pedunculate Oak.

Applicants Reasons To lift off building and roof to prevent damage.

Comments On Application:

T1 Pedunculate Oak *Quercus robur* Height = 15m Avge spread = 5m Age = Early-Mature

- This tree is outwardly sound and healthy and visually important in the landscape.
- It is dominated by the Pine to the north side and has not grown as much to the east side as to the south and west sides.

Conclusions:

- I have no problem with shortening the lateral spread back on the south and west sides but not to the degree requested and no pruning is required to the east side.
- To prune back by 2m would be excessive and this needs to be reduced in severity otherwise it will impact on the visual amenity value of this tree in the landscape.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the pruning of this tree as requested.
- They are of course free to remove deadwood without reference to the local authority.

ADVISORY:

I suggest that the applicant re-submits seeking the following:-

1. Shorten back lateral branches to the south side by between 1m to 2m maximum as required making all final cuts adjacent to living growth points – NO STUBS devoid of foliage to be left.
2. Shorten back lateral branches to the west side by between 1m to 1.5m maximum as required making all final cuts adjacent to living growth points – NO STUBS devoid of foliage to be left.


Consultant Arboriculturist