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Charlotte

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Charlotte Burrows
Planning Application Ref: LU/147/18/T
Location: 116 Bluebell Drive, Littlehampton, BN17 6WE
Description of works: Crown reduce 1No. Eucalyptus by 1.5m
Reasons Given: Long-term maintenance plan

Comments on Application:

Eucalyptus *Eucalyptus sp.* Height: Approx. 14m Average spread: 6.m Age: Mature

- I was unable to gain access to the rear garden of this property. My assessment of its condition was restricted to viewing from Bluebell Drive (east and south aspects) and partially restricted by the dwelling and a high boundary fence - so I cannot comprehensively determine its structural state.
- From both those aspects it appears to have good vitality and possess an attractive crown profile. It is visible from both public highway and surrounding properties. It dominates the rear garden aspects of those properties and the canopy extends to within 3metres of residential dwelling.
- The applicant seeks to reduce the tree by no more than 1.5m, presumably to contain its growth and limit influence over surrounding gardens.
- The crown of this tree is broadly symmetrical although most extensive on its northern aspect.

Conclusions:

- A fine specimen tree which may have some horticultural resonance with the sites historic importance and is of visual interest.
- It appears to have been successfully retained within the relatively recent development of its surroundings, although it may become overly dominant and oppressive for some residents, if not already.
- The work proposed is reasonable and if undertaken to a high standard and in strict accordance with the recommended conditions it will not incur a significant loss of amenity value to the surrounding area.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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.
- The extent of lateral and height reduction must not exceed 1.5m in any direction and on completion the crown must be left in a balanced state so as to provide ongoing visual interest and uniformity of shape.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

To ensure no significant loss of visual amenity.

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