

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: David Eastern

PLANNING APPLICATION: LU/27/15/T

ADDRESS: Street trees on Parklands, Rustington and Poplar Estates, Littlehampton

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Various tree surgeries. This application also falls within the parish of Rustington.

INSPECTION DATE: 10/03/15

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☒

Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☒

Suggested Conditions ☒

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Comments:

- The outlined trees are situated around a housing estate, which surrounds Brookfield Park. The surrounding landscape has a fair mix of mainly small to medium sized trees.
- The outlined trees are TPO'ed. This report will assess the proposed regime of works.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift **G22** to no more than 3 meters over the southern side. This should alleviate conflict with users of the footpath underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift **G1** to no more than 3 meters over the Eastern side. This should alleviate conflict with users of the various roads underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift **T1** to no more than 2 meters over the Eastern side. This should alleviate conflict with users of the children's play area.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift **T2**, **T3**, and **T4** to no more than 3 meters. This should alleviate conflict with users of the highway underneath.

- The applicant has requested; to crown lift **T5** to no more than 2 meters over the South/Eastern side. This should allow access to mow the grass underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to reduce the lateral spread of **T6** by no more than 0.5 meters. This would not have a negative impact on the longevity and/or aesthetic value offered.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift to **T7** to no more than 3 meters over the Eastern side. This should alleviate conflict with users of the road to the north. Also the applicant has requested to crown lift to 2 meters on the grass verge 'side'. This should allow access to mow the grass underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift to **T8** to no more than 1.8 meters over the northern side. This should allow access to mow the grass underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift to **T9** to no more than 3 meters over the southern side. This should alleviate conflict with users of the highway underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift to **T10** and **T11** to no more than 3 meters over the southern side. This should alleviate conflict with users of the highway underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift to **T12** to no more than 3 meters over the Northern side. This should alleviate conflict with users of the highway underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to crown lift to **T13** and **T14** to no more than 3 meters. This should alleviate conflict with users of the highway underneath.
- The applicant has requested; to remove the 'basal suckers' and the epicormic growth present on **T15**. This would not have a negative impact on the longevity and/or aesthetic value offered.

Recommendation:

- The outlined operations are clearly designed to allow access, and prevent conflicts occurring. It is clear that the outlined operations are unlikely to have lasting negative effects on the trees highlighted in this application. **For these reasons I have no objection to the proposed operations.**
- **The following conditions are to be adhered to when completing the proposed works;**

Conditions:

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3rd** in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **100mm** in diameter.

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

Crown Clean

The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight' and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

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

Crown Lift

Branches found within the clearance height having diameters greater than **100mm** should be shortened and no more than 15% of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed to facilitate the unobstructed free passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

REASON: 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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