

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: LU/286/17/T

Location : 38 River Road, Littlehampton

Description of works: Crown reduce and reshape 1 No Holm Oak by 3m

Applicants Reasons : Low branching over neighbours drive and dropping deadwood on same

Comments On Application:

Holm Oak *Quercus ilex* Height = 15m Avge spread = 7.5m Age = Mature

- A healthy maturing tree that is sound and healthy and makes a significant impact in the landscape.
- Previously heavily topped out but has recovered a full crown.
- Low branching habit.

Conclusions:

- The request to crown reduce by 3m is excessive and would be harmful not only to the visual appearance of this tree in the landscape but will also be contrary to BS3998:2010 recommendations.
- It is not necessary to prune this tree this heavily to satisfy making it safe in terms of the deadwood and debris that it drops on the neighbours drive.
- The applicant can simply remove all deadwood from the crown to make safe and this does not need Council approval.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the crown reduction of this tree as requested.

ADVISORY:

Suggest the applicant re-submits seeking the following:-

- Crown lift the lower canopy to achieve a ground clearance of 4m.

Reason – this will lift the crown off the neighbours drive and garage roof.



Consultant Arboriculturist