

Recommendation Report for Prior Notification of Work to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

REF NO: LU/294/18/TC

LOCATION: Winterton Lodge
Goda Road
Littlehampton
N17 6SY

PROPOSAL: Crown reduction of 2 No. Holm Oak trees by approx. 2-3m within the East Street, Littlehampton conservation area.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above
TREES	The trees outlined in this application are located to the rear of the site.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Dwelling
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Residential area.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

LU/215/17/T	Reduce crowns of 1 No. Lime tree & 2 No. Sycamore trees by 1.5m, reduce crowns of 4 No. Sycamore trees & 2 No. Chestnut trees by 3m in height & 2m in spread on north & south sides.	ApproveConditionally 15-08-17
LU/358/15/TC	Crown lift branches of 1No. Monterey Pine that overhangs the road by up to 6 m within the Littlehampton (East Street) Conservation Area	No Objection 22-12-15
LU/333/15/TC	Reduce height & cut back 1No. Plum tree by 1 metre within the East Street Littlehampton Conservation Area.	No Objection 19-11-15
LU/324/15/T	Crown reduction by 1.5 m (max) to 1No. Sweet Chestnut	ApproveConditionally 13-01-16
LU/268/15/T	Crown reduction of 1No. Sweet Chestnut by 1-1.5m & crown reduction of 1No. Sycamore by 20%	

LU/275/15/TC	Reduce overhang of 1No Monterey Pine up to 6m & reduce height of 1No. Plum within the East Street Littlehampton Conservation Area	
LU/308/14/T	Crown lift 2 Holm Oak trees to achieve ground clearance of 3.5m.	ApproveConditionally 21-11-14
LU/40/14/TC	Crown reduction to 2No. Holm Oaks by 3 metres and 1No. Sweet Chestnut by 1.5 metres within the Littlehampton (East Street) Conservation Area.	Objection 31-03-14
LU/20/14/T	Reduce crown of 2 No Sycamore trees by 2 metres and reduce crown of 1 No Sycamore by 1.5 metres.	ApproveConditionally 01-04-14

History noted.

REPRESENTATIONS

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Littlehampton Town Council:
No response received from Littlehampton Town Council.

No representations received from nearby occupiers.

COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Comments noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist
Conservation Officer

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

Tree Officer Comments:

Works proposed: Crown reduction of 2 No. Holm Oak trees by approx. 2-3m within the East Street, Littlehampton conservation area.

I visited this location on November 21st 2018, to determine the aforementioned Town & Country

Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice.

There is a substantial difference between the work proposal as described on the planning website from that within the application.

I am satisfied that the works described in the application ('To reduce east facing crowns of two holm oaks by 2-3metres, to reduce overhang of newly planted area at Hale Lodge. No topping of crowns to be carried out') will not result in character of the surrounding area being diminished.

I raise No Objection to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Comments noted

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICES

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 211(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:-

'Subject to the provision of this section and Section 212, any person who, in relation to a tree to which this section applies, does any act which might by virtue of Section 198(3)(a) be prohibited by a Tree Preservation Order shall be guilty of an offence.'

It is a defence to have provided notification to the Local Planning Authority 6 weeks in advance of any works. This is to enable the Local Planning Authority time to consider making a Tree Preservation Order.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

Following comments from the Tree Officer it is recommended there be no objection to the works proposed.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The Council in making a decision should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as Arun District Council to act in a manner, which is incompatible with the European Convention on Human

Rights.

Consideration has been specifically given to Article 8 (right to respect private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property). It is not considered that the recommendation for approval of the grant of permission in this case interferes unreasonably with any local residents' right to respect for their private and family life and home, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest and the recommendation for approval is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

DUTY UNDER THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010

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In assessing this proposal the following impacts have been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

The proposal would have a neutral impact on the protected characteristics.

RECOMMENDATION

NO OBJECTION

- 1 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.
- 2 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.