

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: LU/311/18/T

Location: Outside 70 Bluebell Drive Littlehampton BN17 6UL

Description of works: Reduce/remove branches from south aspect by no more than 2m to 1No. eucalyptus tree.

Reasons Given: Long-term abatement of nuisance

Comments on Application:

Gum / <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Height: Approx. 16m	Average spread: 8m	Age class: Mature
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- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with an attractive crown profile.
- It grows in close proximity to residential dwellings. It is a large and prominent tree which can be seen from numerous properties, public open space and highway. It has high amenity value.
- The applicant proposes only to prune back small branches to provide long-term clearance of built structure and prevent actionable nuisance.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to prevent direct damage to the fabric of the building and with respect to natural tree form.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- 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.

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

- *See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.*

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team