

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: LU/337/17/TC

Location: 1 Smallcroft Close, off River Road, Littlehampton

Description of works: Reduce crown by up to 2m – thin by 15-20% - crown lift to 2.5m to 1 No Holm Oak

Reasons Given: Causing dense shading of rear garden plus restricting access for disabled resident.

Comments:

Holm Oak *Quercus ilex* Ht – 7m Spread – 5m Age – Semi-mature

- This is a significant tree in the landscape.
- However, it has the potential to be a very large tree which does not fit in with its location within a small courtyard of residences with pedestrian and vehicular constraints as well as intense shading of small rear gardens and access arrangements for a disabled resident. Even at its present young age it is causing problems and this can only get worse over time.
- The works proposed are drastic and will undermine this trees value in the landscape.

Conclusions:

- Whilst I would normally recommend that a TPO be made to prevent this from happening and to control the amount of pruning works to be undertaken in this particular instance it would be very unfair to do so.

Recommendations:

- I raise **No Objection** to these works as listed in the supporting report and see no justification for applying a TPO to control or prevent them from taking place.

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