

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: LU/366/17/T

Location : Wilbury House, 45 Beach Road, Littlehampton

Description of works: Reduce lateral spread by 1m to 2m on 1 No Scots Pine

Applicants Reasons: Low branching overhang and shading of property.

Comments On Application:

Corsican Pine *Pinus nigra 'Calabrica'* Height = 15m Avge spread = 7m Age = Mature

- A mature tree that is sound and healthy and makes a significant impact in the landscape.
- The low branching habit is causing problems and needs to be addressed.
- The height is currently not an issue and I note that no works have been applied for in this respect.

Conclusions:

- The request to reduce the lateral spread by as much as 2m is excessive and could 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 resolve the issues whilst leaving a tree of good shape and form.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL but only** for the pruning of this tree as follows:-
- Shorten the lateral spread in a balanced manner up to half the height of the tree (7.5m from ground) by a maximum of 1.5m all round.
- Prune the tree from 7.5m above ground up to the trees full height of 15m by shorten the lateral spread by a maximum of 1m all round.
- ***There is to be NO reduction in the height of the tree.***

The following condition should be applied:-

- *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.***



Consultant Arboriculturist