

Planning Officer : Damian Sullivan

Planning Application Ref: LU/40/14/TC [originally all part of LU/20/14/T but since separated from]

Location : Winterton Lodge, Goda Road, Littlehampton

Description of works:

T1 – Sweet Chestnut – [located adjacent to the rear southeast corner of the main building] – reduce and reshape crown overall by 1.5m.

T2 & T3 – Holm Oaks - [located close to the Sweet Chestnut to the rear southeast corner of the main building] - reduce and reshape crown overall by 3m.

Reasons Given: To maintain all trees in the interests of longevity and safety

Recommendation:

NO Objection		Comment		Dead & Dangerous	
Object	X	Recommendation	X	Abate a Nuisance	
Conditions Suggested		CA & Amenity Value	X	Tree Replacement required	

Comments On Notification:

T1 – Sweet Chestnut – Height – 10m : Avge Spread – 4m : Age – Early Mature

- A tree of good form and high amenity value worthy of a TPO
- The works proposed are excessive in relation to the reasons given as they do not need pruning to maintain their longevity and there is no safety issue other than dead wood for which they do not need approval.

T2 & T3 – Holm Oaks - Height – 15m : Avge Spread – 6m : Age – Early Mature

- Trees of very good form and very high amenity value worthy of a TPO.
- The works proposed are excessive in relation to the reasons given as they do not need pruning to maintain their longevity and there is no safety issue other than dead wood for which they do not need approval.

CONCLUSIONS:

The works proposed are excessive and would undermine the amenity value of these trees and as such they are under threat and merit preservation for their amenity value alone but also to exercise some control over any future pruning works applied for.

Raise Objection to : the works proposed and I strongly recommend a TPO is made to protect all three of these trees and thus prevent the works from being carried out.

A TEMPO form is attached for these trees – please note that I recommend that the Sweet Chestnut is preserved as a single specimen but that the Holm Oaks are preserved as a Group as this is how they present themselves in the landscape with merged crowns due to their close proximity.



Consultant Arboriculturist