Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: **LU/6/15/T**

LOCATION: 27 Dorset Close
Littlehampton

PROPOSAL: Reduce 1No. Eucalyptus tree to previous pruning cuts at 9m

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat.
TREES	The tree the subject of this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Open to front. Fencing, hedging and trees to the rear.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	A two storey terraced property.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Predominantly residential. A number of other trees of significant height are situated in the rear gardens of the same property row.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

None.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:
None received.
Comments on Representations received:
N/A

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist
Consultations responses received:
Council's Tree Officer:-
Comments:

·The outlined tree is situated in the rear garden of 27 Dorset close. The surrounding landscape has a fair mix of mainly small to medium sized established trees.

·The outlined tree does have an active TPO order.

·The applicant has outlined the desire to reduce the regrowth back to established pruning

points. These points are at about 9 meters in height, which has caused a pollard form to be maintained. This continuing regime of works should be adhered to, and it is likely to increase the retention span of T1 (as stated in the BS 3998:2010 section 7.10).

Recommendation:

·I would have no objection to the proposed operation of removing no more than 5 meters of regrowth to the established pruning points at 9 meters height.

·The following condition is to be adhered to;

Condition:

Crown Reduction
All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

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

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Designations applicable to site:-
Tree Preservation Order

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003:

PLANNING POLICY 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 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:
"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity

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

In accordance with the recommendation of the Council's Tree Officer it is recommended that these works are approved subject to the below conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

1 All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

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

2 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

3 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

4 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.

5 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.