

Case Officer: Harry Chalk
Reference: LU/90/22/T
Location: Arcadia, 11 St Winefrides Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5HA
Proposal: 1no. black pine tree (T1) - Reduction of the North most facing limb by 1m reducing all branches back to branch unions with sufficient leakage to support normal regrowth. Reducing total tree crown spread from 8m to 7m
Reasons given: To reduce load bearing on imperfect stem/limb union

Comments on Application:

Black pine / Pinus nigra Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. An attractive crown profile provides visual amenity to surrounding properties and users of the public highway.
- There is an area of decay around the site of a historic limb fracture on the south tending stem although no active pathogen observed. The limb is considered generally stable although increasing end weight is a concern.
- The applicant and tree-owner intend to work only on the south facing limb (as illustrated in their supporting photographs). The reference to 'north' is a typing error by the applicant.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- This is a specimen tree providing visual amenity to the surrounding area. It is to be carefully pruned on the south aspect only to maintain reasonable enjoyment of neighbouring property and with respect for natural tree form.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Part a) 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

Part b) 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 interest of the tree's 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 / Greenspace

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

