

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: LU/94/21/T

Location: Riverside Industrial Estate, Unit G and Unit H Bridge Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5DF

Description of works: Various works to various trees as per Tree Officer recommendations for application LU/11/21/T

Reason given: 1. Too close to buildings

Comments on Application:

T16 Mixed species group (in order of dominance): **Norway maple** / *Acer platanoides* – **Black pine** / *Pinus nigra* – **Sycamore** / *Acer pseudoplatanus* – **Whitebeam** / *Sorbus aria*

Age class: Early mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted. Previous consideration from site (February 2021) provides adequate insight to the proposal.
- Outwardly this large group of trees appear to be in a generally fine physiological state (and assumed to be so in the absence of any information/evidence provided to the contrary).
- The group is a strategically important feature in the landscape and natural crown profiles should be preserved wherever possible. Existing or near-future building interference will be resolved through selective pruning of individual branches.

Conclusion:

- By adopting the recommended work specification promoted in our response to previous application LU/11/21/T; adequate clearance of buildings and fixtures can be achieved without loss of visual amenity provided by nearby trees. For clarity, I reaffirm the recommended work specification as follows:
 - **Remove/reduce selected branches (from whichever trees necessary) to achieve a maximum of 2metres clearance from buildings and fixtures.**

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to All Approved Work: -

- 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 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*

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

