

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: LY/23/17/T

Location : Lyminster Cottage, Lyminster Road, Lyminster

Description of works: 3m crown reduction to 1 No Oak tree

Applicants Reasons None provided.

Comments On Application:

Pedunculate Oak *Quercus robur* Height = 15 Avge spread = 7m Age = Early Mature

- The Oak has been reduced and reshaped in the past at about 1.5m below current branch tips.
- It dominates the small courtyard area so I can understand why they would want to keep it under control.

Conclusions:

- Whilst pruning is to be encouraged here the amount that has been requested is excessive and exceeds BS3998 recommendations and would be detrimental to this trees visual amenity value in the landscape - which is the reason it was TPO'd in the first instance.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the following works:-
Oak – Reduce height and radial spread by up to 3m.

ADVISORY:

I advise that the applicant re-submits seeking the following works:-

Oak – Reduce height and radial spread in a balanced manner by a maximum of 1.5m.

The following Conditions should be applied to the re-submission:-

- 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
- 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.***

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