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Subject: Pagham responses

At a meeting of its Planning Committee held on 1st December 2020, Pagham Parish Council considered the following applications:

P/120/20/T – 32 Kings Drive Pagham PO21 4PZ – to thin crown of 1No Oak tree by 30% and also to remove epicormic growth from trunk to a height of 3 metres, also to remove dead wood.
RESOLVED: OBJECT. The Council's tree warden had reservations about the proposed works to what he believed to be a healthy tree, He believed the work now suggested of removing epicormic growth to a height of 3 m is acceptable, but 30 % crown thinning as well is inappropriate and may result in even thicker reaction wood rapid regrowth thus cutting out even more light. Permission should be refused for this. A copy of his report would be submitted alongside the Committee's comments.

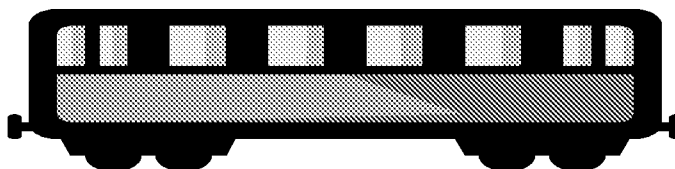
Please ensure the attached report is uploaded to the file for P/120/20/T.

Best wishes



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P/120/20/T

Report on an English Oak tree (*Quercus robur*) in the back Garden of 32 Kings Drive, Pagham.

I inspected this tree again to the south of the back garden of this property. The tree is a healthy mature specimen of *Quercus robur*. It has no sign of any defect. The trunk and roots appear to be sound and firm.

The work now suggested of removing epicormic growth to a height of 3 m is acceptable. **But** 30 % crown thinning as well is inappropriate and may result in even thicker reaction wood rapid regrowth thus cutting out even more light. Permission should be refused for this. Incidentally there is virtually no dead wood, the tree is in its prime.

Crown – raising may allow more light in without causing too much damage but this is if **only** the epicormic growth is removed. If major limbs are removed this will damage the tree and/or cause a lot more epicormic growth causing even more loss of light. This type of work has been successfully carried out on a street tree nearby. The tree is obviously a subject of a TPO. This begs the question, why buy a property with a large oak tree with a TPO?

In my last comment on this tree I asked for an inspection from the Arun District Council's tree officer – has this happened? I also note an original request for crown lowering which would have been even more detrimental.

Yours sincerely,

David Huntley B.Sc. Horticulture – Pagham Tree Warden.

P.S. I attach my original comments from 2015 in the e mail with this letter