

Planning Officer: Mr Z Denton
Planning Application Ref: R/124/19/T
Location: 7 Elm Farm Cottages, Old Manor Road, Rustington, BN16 3FD
Description of works: Reduce crown of 1no. silver birch by 1.2m
Reasons Given: Excessive shading

Comments on Application:

Silver birch / *Betula pendula* Approx. height: 12m Average spread: 4m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state, with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile.
- It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings but has only limited visibility from publicly accessible land.
- While clearly the dominant plant in the garden it has a delicate crown of low density foliage characteristic of its type and does not cast excessive shade over the property.

Conclusions:

- The tree is an attractive feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application has not been justified on arboricultural grounds and would result in reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

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