

Planning Officer : Damian Sullivan**Planning Application Ref:** R/12/14/T**Location :** rear of Cudlow Cottage, Sea Lane, Rustington**Description of works:****Holm Oak – *Quercus ilex***

- Reduce by 25% overall (no metric equivalent specified)

Reasons Given: Light percolation improvement and pigeon droppings on path are a danger to the elderly residents + beetle holes where branches have been removed in the past

Recommendation:

NO Objection	X	Comment	X	Dead & Dangerous	
Object		Recommendation	X	Abate a Nuisance	X
Conditions Suggested	X	CA & Amenity Value		Tree Replacement required	

Comments On Application:

General Observations – Not highly visible until you get into the site. This tree has been heavily lopped and topped in the past and has a flat topped appearance

Holm Oak Height – 6m : Avge Spread – 4m : Age – Early-Mature

- A small tree which has been stunted by previous pruning operations and thus this is just a repeat pruning operation
- There is no significance to the beetle holes in the dead and decayed stubs which is normal and does not affect health or stability
- This tree has a 2m ground clearance thus only a crown massing of 4m in a 'square' format which means that 25% reduction equates to 1m which is about where it has been cut before – it would leave a tree 5m tall and with a 3m radial spread which is acceptable.

CONCLUSIONS:

I Approve of the works provided that 25% equates to a 1m overall reduction leaving a tree 5m tall and with a radial spread of 3m and they do not cut below the previous pruning points unless it is to address decay.

Suggested Condition To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also 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.

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