

Planning Officer: Mr Z Denton

Planning Application Ref: R/138/19/T

Location: 8 Elm Farm Cottages, Old Manor Road, Rustington, BN16 3FD

Description of works: Crown reduction to previous prune points including lower branches of 1 - 1.2m to 1no. bay tree

Reasons Given: To maintain formal appearance

Comments on Application:

Bay laurel / *Laurus nobilis* Approx. height: 5m Average spread: 2m Age class: Early mature

- This is a multi-stemmed tree of apparent good health. It has a heavily modified crown, resulting in a dense and compact form. It is visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).
- While this tree may add value to the garden it is of low amenity value and will require repeat pruning of the type proposed, to keep it in a structural state appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- 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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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

