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Lynnyrd

Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: R/13/20/T

Location: 29 Bushby Avenue Rustington BN16 2BX

Description of works: Crown reduction to 1no. beech tree to height approx. 9m and spread approx. 9m

Reasons Given: Return tree to an attractive state

Comments on Application:

Beech / *Fagus sylvatica* Approx. height: 15m Average spread: 7m Age class: Mature

- Viewed from outside of the property, this tree appears free from obvious structural defect and in a fine physiological state. It is prominent at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to users of the estate road network. As such, it has high public amenity value.
- The upper limb and branch framework has achieved good symmetry and presents an attractive crown profile, having grown-on well following historic heavy pruning. The few crossing branches and 'stubbed' branches low in the crown are of little significance to overall tree health and visual amenity.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require permission.

Conclusions:

- I am unable to concur with the reasons stated as being sufficient to justify the work now proposed.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.
- The removal of crossing/rubbing branches is considered good practice where it seeks to prevent/limit the presence of abrasion wounds that might facilitate ingress of harmful decay fungi and in the absence of any obvious structural integrity gained from natural bracing or support. Likewise, the removal of declining branches low in the crown is not unreasonable but would also need to be specified in more detail and to form part of a separate/new tree work application.

Recommendations:

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

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