

Case Officer: Harry Chalk
Reference: R/13/22/T
Location: 8 Elm Farm Cottages, Old Manor Road, Rustington, BN16 3FD
Proposal: Crown reduction of 1no. bay tree (T7) to leave height 5m and spread 4-5m
Reasons given: Continuation of pruning regime to maintain formal appearance and sightlines

Comments on Application:

Bay laurel / *Laurus nobilis* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site (July 2019) and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
- 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 visual amenity on completion of the proposed works.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth and maintaining a formal appearance is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Part a) 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

Part b) 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.

Part c) 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.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's 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***

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Greenspace

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

