

Planning Officer: Andrew Wood

Planning Application Ref: R/149/17/TC

Location: Flint Cottage, Station Road, East Preston

Description of works: 15% thin + 2.5m height reduction to 1 No Beech tree.

Applicants Reasons: To constrain the growth potential of the tree.

Comments On Application:

- Small but spreading tree positioned to the front of the property.
- This tree is sound and healthy and makes a significant impact in the landscape.
- It has been heavily topped out in the past hence its squat appearance with growth focused on lateral spread.
- Being a Purple form it does cast significant shade on the surrounding gardens.

Conclusions:

- Overall I find the works as listed to be acceptable and reasonable to keep this tree under control and reduce shading.
- The works will not undermine the health and vitality or visual amenity value of this tree in the landscape.

Recommendations:

- The works as listed are acceptable and I therefore see no reason to apply a TPO to seek to prevent or control them.

ADVISORY:

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they should be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts should 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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