

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: R/152/21/T

Location: The Manor House, 48 The Street, Rustington, BN16 3NR

Description of works: T1. Oak - Reduce radial crown spread on Northern aspect from 9m to 7m, Eastern aspect from 11.5m to 9.5m, Western aspect from 9.5m to 7.5m. T2. Oak - Reduce radial crown spread on Southern aspect only by 3m, from 7m to 4m. And other various works

Reasons given: To allow more light around the base of the tree and contain further lateral growth toward buildings and neighbouring property

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: 15-20m Age class: Mature	Ave. radial spread: 5-10m
T2 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: 15-20m Age class: Mature	Ave. radial spread: 5-10m

- Both trees appeared to be in a fine physiological state and with broad and attractive crown profile. They have enjoyed adequate space to exploit and develop into large trees. A degree of containment pruning is proposed, to maintain harmony with adjacent structures whilst respecting natural tree form. This will reduce overall spread but not affect height or upper crown profile.
- Although discreetly located within the expansive gardens of the property; by virtue of their size and limited pruning history are visually impressive (high canopy) when viewed from a southern or western aspect. As such, they have public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. These are trees of significant value, to be carefully pruned to remain in harmony with residential property and having respect for natural tree form.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time, it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the trees' long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

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.

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***

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of the oak trees is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August). The work should only be undertaken during this period.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

