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Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

Mark

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Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner

Planning Application Ref: R/154/19/T

Location: Walnut Tree House 21 The Street Rustington BN16 3PA

Description of works: Fell 1no. horse chestnut tree

Reasons Given: Health and safety

Comments on Application:

Horse chestnut / *Aesculus hippocastanum* Height: 10-15m Spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- This tree is clearly dead and probably has been for some time. It may be dangerous and presents as a hazard to those who may attend within its crown spread.
- This formal application is welcome, although strictly speaking a 5 working days Notice to fell this tree would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.
- There is ample scope to plant a suitable replacement tree within a few metres of this tree and thus maintain a prominent landscape feature for the benefit of the wider community and to enhance the garden.
- It is discreetly located within the expansive gardens of the property, although by virtue of its size and ornamental value would have had significant presence when viewed from the south and west. It is highly visible from surrounding properties.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as the tree is dead and potentially hazardous.
- Formal consent is not required in this instance and the application being considered here is sufficient to meet the requirement of a 5 working days Notice.
- There is a duty on the landowner to plant a replacement tree.

Recommendations:

- I recommend the applicant be advised at the earliest opportunity that they are free to proceed with the removal of this tree.
- The applicant should be invited to confirm with us in writing of their intention to carry out a replacement tree planting exercise, as detailed below:
- Once the tree has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 4metres.

This is to be of Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the horse chestnut tree.

The species shall be selected from the following:-

Pedunculate oak *Quercus robur*

Common walnut *Juglans regia*

Black walnut *Juglans nigra* (if honey fungus suspected)

Reasons: To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team