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Arboricultural response

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Hi Zac

As Mark made to TPO application please see the attached comment from Greenspace.

Thanks
Richard

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Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: R/163/18/T

Location: Guildford Playground, Between Epsom Gardens & Guildford Road, Rustington

Description of works: Fell 1 No. Turkey Oak & grind down stump to just below adjacent surface & reduce top height & east aspects of 1 No. Beech tree by no more than 2m.

Reasons Given: T1 - To increase safety threshold and improve aesthetic value. T2 - Significant root and stem base decay

Comments on Application:

T1 Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Height: Approx. 12m	Average Spread: 5m	Age: Early-mature
T2 Turkey oak	<i>Quercus cerris</i>	Height: Approx. 18m	Average Spread: 6m	Age: Early-mature

- Both trees are growing within a formal play area. They are highly visible from surrounding properties and public highway.
- T1 has asymmetric form, having been dominated by T2 and growing on the east end of this linear grouping of trees. It appears to be in fair condition. The applicant seeks pruning work to balance its crown profile thereby improving its aesthetic value. This work will also increase its ability to withstand new wind-loading stresses that arise following removal of its dominant neighbour.
- T2 has a significant decay event ongoing at stem base, evidenced by fungal brackets.

Conclusions:

- Tree pruning work to T1 is justified on arboricultural grounds and will not incur a notable loss of public amenity.
- The removal of T2 is the only option available to satisfactorily manage the risk this tree now poses to surrounding persons and property. T1 has an opportunity to flourish in the absence of T2 and so I would not seek a replacement tree on this occasion.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Works: -

- 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
- 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 tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Richard Martin

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