

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: R/169/21/T

Location: 17 Walnut Avenue, Rustington, BN16 3NY

Description of works: Fell 1no horse chestnut tree

Reasons given: Declining health, poor condition

Comments on Application:

Horse chestnut / *Aesculus hippocastanum* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- The applicants have employed Townsend Trees & Gardens as agent, to assess the tree and prepare the application. I concur with their findings.
- In summary, the tree appears to be in a fair/poor physiological state and exhibiting signs of significant internal decay. Although stable at the base, the upper stem and limb framework is likely to become increasingly defective. Past failure of terminal leader and declining vitality have diminished its value to the landscape and reduced safe, useful life expectancy.
- Due to the density of surrounding structures and limited garden space, there is sadly no opportunity to plant a replacement nearby of comparable size and amenity potential.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is necessary to mitigate risk of structural failure and so justified on arboricultural grounds.
- There is no opportunity for adequate replacement planting nearby.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team