

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: R/180/20/T

Location: Tanglewood, 3 The Parkway, Rustington, BN16 2BS

Description of works: Crown reduction to 1No. copper beech tree to height 7.5m and spread 10m

Reasons given: 1 - To ensure long-term clearance from branches of adjacent built structures. 2 - To reduce shading of dwelling

Comments on Application:

Beech, purple-leaved / *Fagus sylvatica Purpurea* Height: 5-10m Spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- I have had to consider this application by means of a desktop review only, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- An established tree of apparent good health albeit with a heavily modified crown. It is visible from numerous properties and to users of the highway (footway and carriageway). As such, it has public amenity value.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

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.
- Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

Reasons: In the interests of the tree's 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 this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August). The work proposed should only be undertaken during this period.

Mark Warwick
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

