

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: James Smith

PLANNING APPLICATION: R/199/14/T

ADDRESS: Communal land at Willowhayne Mews Preston Paddock Rustington  
BN16 2AF

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Fell 1 No Silver Birch tree

INSPECTION DATE: 30/09/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Suggested Conditions ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☒ **Dead/Dangerous** ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

Survey:

**Species:** Downy Birch *Betula pubescens* **Height:** 4 meters **Average Crown Spread:** 2.5 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

Comments:

- This tree is situated in the high amenity area Preston paddock, which has a varied mix of juvenile to over mature specimens that area spread across the landscape
- This outlined individual is quite clearly dead standing. From the site inspection it is clear that this tree was not exhibiting any signs of life in the crown (considering it is part of a group of 3, and the other 2 individuals are in full leaf. This would indicate this tree has not just dropped its leaves due to a shock event occurring, as it would of affected all three trees).
- It should also be noted that this 'dead standing' tree was a mature specimen prior to death, so it is quite possible that this was just the natural end of this particular individual's lifecycle.

Recommendation:

- **As this is a 'dead standing' tree, it would be my recommendation to fell this tree**, as it is situated in a location where there is the potential for it becoming a hazard, if left to deteriorate further.

- As this is a TPO'd tree there will be **the will be a requirement to replant with a replacement tree.**

#### **Planning Conditions:**

- The replacement tree should be **located in the same location as the felled tree** (I did not pick up on any pathogens present that could affect the replacement). The replacement tree should have an **expected mature height of at least 4 meters.**
- Suggested replacement species would include:
  1. Downy Birch *Betula pubescens*
  2. Chinese Red-Barcked Birch *Betula albo-sinensis*
  3. Swedish Whitebeam *Sorbus intermedia*

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