Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 5th December 2017

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **R/252/17/T**

Location : **Various Locations throughout the Sea Estate, Rustington**

Description of works: Various Surgery & Felling works as listed in application schedule.

Applicants Reasons For health and safety reasons and to control growth habit

Comments On Application:

- These trees are situated in the grass verges throughout the Sea Estate.
- The species list includes both conifers and deciduous trees.

Conclusions:

- Whilst I agree that works are necessary and appropriate for the majority of the trees there are some where the pruning requested is excessive and others where the description is lacking in detail so a decision on these will be deferred until further information can be provided.

Recommendations:

The applicants have provided a list of works from 1 to 33 that their tree surgeon has recommended be undertaken ` during the 2017/18 period.

I recommend **APPROVAL** for the following works exactly as listed and described in the submitted schedule:-

1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 10; 11; 13; 14; 15; 16; 17; 18; 19; 22; 23; 24; 32 & 33.

Plus approve works at 20 **BUT** they will need to plant a replacement tree of the same species at the same location now and not in two years time as they suggest.

I recommend **REFUSAL** for the following works as listed and described in the submitted schedule:-

8; 9; 21; 25; 26; 27; 29; 30 & 31.

Clarification is required on No's 12 & 28 –

12 – Is listed as an Ash but I only witnessed a Willow and a Tree of Heaven at the location shown on their plan?

28 – It just says crown lift on road side? – we will need them to state to what height above ground and what the maximum diameter of branch is involved.

ADVISORY:

I suggest they re-submit in the cases of the REFUSALS as follows:-

8 – Crown lift by removing only the two lowest whorls of branches.

9 - Crown lift by removing only the lowest whorl of branches.

21 – Crown lift to 4m over road and 2m in all other directions.

25 – Reduce the three lowest branches facing west by a maximum of 1m.

26 – Reduce the lowest west facing branch by a maximum of 1m.

27 - Reduce the five lowest west facing branches by a maximum of 1m.

29 – Crown lift to 5m removing only branches up to 4cm in diameter.

30 – Crown lift to 3m on road side only by removing branches less than 5cm in diameter.

31 – Crown lift to all sides by 2m only removing branches up to 4cm in diameter.

Conditions To Be Applied to All 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 trees 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

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