

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: R/255/21/T

Location: Old Orchard House, 47 The Street, Rustington, BN16 3NU

Description of works: Various works to various trees

Reasons given: T1 & T2 (TPO) – None provided

Comments on Application:

T1 & T2, Bay & Holly / *Laurus nobilis* & *Ilex aquifolium* Height: 5-10m, Spread: 0-5m, Age class: Mature
Note: TPO trees

T3 – T15 Mixed tree types of varying size, age and form. All growing within Conservation Area and not the subject of any Tree Preservation Order.

- T1 & T2 - This application proposes pruning works to a cohesive group of evergreen trees along the front boundary of the property and East of the dwelling. The group is assumed to be G6 from the schedule associated with the Order (TPO/R/2/85). It is dominated by multiple bay laurel stems, arising from what appear to be much older stumps and so this is an established feature despite the relatively young age of current growth. The holly is not obvious from roadside.
- The work now proposed is similar to that which has been undertaken before (2019) and approved by the local planning authority.
- T3 – T15 incl. - I am satisfied that the proposed works; if undertaken to a high standard and at the right time, will not result in character of the surrounding area being diminished.

Conclusions:

- T1 & T2 - The proposal to reduce the overall height and spread of the tree group with a view to restricting growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority. If undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on their long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- T3 – T15 incl. - I raise No Objection to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work (T1 & T2 only): -

- 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***

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

