

Planning Officer : David Easton

Planning Application Ref: R/28/17/TC

Location : The Manor House, 48 The Street, Rustington

Description of works: Reduce and reshape lateral spread of crown to the north and northwest sides ONLY by 3m and remove some 'dropper branches' from the same area.

Applicants Reasons: Correct the crown weighting to this side and abate a nuisance for the neighbours

Comments On Application:

Pedunculate Oak *Quercus robur* Height = 22m Avge spread = 8m Age = Mature

- This tree is a fine specimen located in the rear garden of this property where it is one of many such mature trees of varying species.
- The works applied for are very specific and do not require any height reduction to the tree.
- They specifically address ONLY the lateral spread to the north and northwest sides towards the adjacent off-site buildings.

Conclusions:

- It is reasonable to want to control this lateral spread and the works applied for are not excessive and will not adversely impact on the health and vitality or visual amenity value of this tree.
- This is certainly a tree that would merit a TPO but as the works do not threaten its health and vitality or visual amenity value there is no reason to seek to do so on this occasion.

Recommendations:

- I raise **NO OBJECTION** to the works as described in this application for the reasons stated above and would encourage them to have the works undertaken by a professional tree surgeon in accordance with the following guidelines:-
- 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.***



Consultant Arboriculturist