

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: R/303/18/T

Location: 2 Broadmark Lane, Rustington BN16 2NN

Description of works: Crown lift of 3m and crown reduction of 2m to 1 No. Yew tree

Reasons Given: Clearance of street furniture and potential footway encroachment

Comments on Application:

Yew / *Taxus baccata* Height: Approx. 7m Average spread: 3m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state with an attractive crown profile. It grows at the front of the property and makes a positive contribution to the street scene.
- The nature and extent of work described above is to be carried out on the tree's eastern aspects only, to satisfy the requirements of the local highway authority (West Sussex County Council).

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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

