

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: R/62/15/T

ADDRESS: 30 Parkway Rustington BN16 2BU

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce crown by 1.5m & crown lift by 4m to 1 No Beech Tree.

INSPECTION DATE: 06/05/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Suggested Conditions ☒

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

T1 Species: Beech *Fagus spp* **Height:** 10 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 7 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

Comments:

- This individual is located in the grounds of 30 the Parkway, which lies in the Sea estate, Rustlington. The estate has a rich mix of trees of different species, at differing age classes.
- **T1** is actually standing in the front garden of 30 the parkway. This does mean this tree can be seen from the highway outside.
- The applicant has applied to crown lift **T1**. This action would allow full vehicle access to the abutting driveways (both the tree owner's driveway and the neighbour's driveway). From the site inspection it is clear that this pruning operation has been completed on previous occasion/s to allow vehicle access.
- The applicant has also applied to reduce **T1** by 1.5 meters. Again from the site inspection it does appear this operation or a similar styled operation has been undertaken previously. According to the BS 3998 section 7.7.3, '*follow-up work after crown reduction to maintain the reduced crown as a framework for cyclic management, whereby the new branches are periodically cut back close to their points of origin*'. This does mean the recommended management for this tree would be to adhere to the regime of pruning that has already been initiated.

Recommendation:

- I would therefore have no objection to the proposed operation of a crown lift of no more than 4 meters, and a crown reduction of no more than 1.5 meter crown reduction.
- When completing the approved operations, the following conditions must be adhered to;

Conditions:**Crown Reduction**

All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3rd** in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **100mm** in diameter.

REASON: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Crown Lift

Branches found within the clearance height having diameters greater than **100mm** should be shortened and no more than 15% of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed to facilitate the unobstructed free passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

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