

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner

Planning Application Ref: R/60/19/T

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

Description of works: Crown reduction 3m and crown lift approx. 1.5m to 1no. holly tree and 1no. bay tree

Reasons Given: To maintain adequate clearance of footway, driveway and sightlines

Comments on Application:

G6 Bay and Holly / *Laurus nobilis* and *Ilex aquifolium* Approx. height: 8m Approx. length: 8m Age class: Mature

- This application proposes combined pruning works to a cohesive group of evergreen trees along the front boundary of the property. The group is assumed to be G6 from the schedule associated with the Order (TPO/R/2/85) although it is unclear from the records/submissions available to me. 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.
- This group of small trees appear to be outwardly healthy and stable with an attractive shared crown profile. There are no individual trees within the group of special merit, although collectively they may have importance in screening and are of value to the streetscape. They can be said to add some character value to the area, of which the public highway is especially tree-lined.

Conclusions:

- 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 the work is 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.

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

