

Recommendation Report for Prior Notification of Work to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

REF NO: R/64/19/TC

LOCATION: Old Orchard House
47 The Street
Rustington
BN16 3NU

PROPOSAL: Crown reduction approx 2m, Crown lift 1m and remove overhanging branches to neighboring property by approx 2m to 1 No. Evergreen American Oak tree within the Rustington Conservation area.

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
TREES	The tree outlined in this application is located on the land at Old Orchard House, 47 The Street, Rustington.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Dwelling.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Residential.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

R/60/19/T	Crown reduction 3m and Crown lift approx 1.5m to 1 No. Holly tree and 1 No. Bay tree.	
R/161/10/TC	Fell 1 No Bay tree and 1 No Laurel tree on the rear boundary within the Rustington Conservation Area	No Objection 27-08-10
R/143/10/T	Fell 1 Red Horsechestnut tree	ApproveConditionally 09-08-10
R/295/06/T	Surgery to one Red Horse Chestnut Tree	ApproveConditionally 12-12-06
R/296/06/TC	Felling of and surgery to various trees within the Rustington Conversation Area	No Objection 11-12-06
R/137/06/T	Reduce height of Bay Laurel trees at front of house to	ApproveConditionally

roof gutter level.

13-06-06

R/136/06/TC	Felling of 6 No. Cypress Leylandi trees and 6 No. trees on the southern boundary & cut back Bay Laurel trees at rear to ground level within the Rustington Conservation Area	No Objection 13-06-06
R/30/02/TC	Cut and reduce the height of 2 no. Lime trees to make safe adjoining property and 6 no. Cypress trees within the Rustington Conservation Area.	No Objection 19-03-02
R/35/01/TC	Cut and reduce the height of 1 Horse Chestnut tree within the Rustington Conservation Area.	No Objection 18-04-01
R/173/95/TC	Cut bough on south side of 1 Horsechestnut tree within the Rustington Conservation Area	No Objection 08-01-96

No relevant planning history.

REPRESENTATIONS

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Rustington Parish Council
Parish Council - No objection.

No representations received from nearby occupiers.

COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:

Noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist
Conservation Officer

CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

Tree Officer -
No objections received from tree officer.

COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Comments noted.

POLICY CONTEXT

Private Street
Conservation Area
Tree Preservation Order

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICES**PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:**

NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPPG	National Planning Practice Guidance

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 211(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:-

'Subject to the provision of this section and Section 212, any person who, in relation to a tree to which this section applies, does any act which might by virtue of Section 198(3)(a) be prohibited by a Tree Preservation Order shall be guilty of an offence.'

It is a defence to have provided notification to the Local Planning Authority 6 weeks in advance of any works. This is to enable the Local Planning Authority time to consider making a Tree Preservation Order.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

Following the lack of comments from the tree officer, it can be concluded that there is no desire to make the tree the subject of a TPO to ensure its retention.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The Council in making a decision should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as Arun District Council to act in a manner, which is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

Consideration has been specifically given to Article 8 (right to respect private and family life) and Article 1

of the First Protocol (protection of property). It is not considered that the recommendation for approval of the grant of permission in this case interferes unreasonably with any local residents' right to respect for their private and family life and home, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest and the recommendation for approval is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

DUTY UNDER THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010

In assessing this proposal neutral impacts have been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

RECOMMENDATION

NO OBJECTION

- 1 **INFORMATIVE:** The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.
- 2 **INFORMATIVE:** This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.