

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: WA/113/21/T

Location: 18 Hunters Mews, Walberton, BN18 0UW

Description of works: 1no. ash tree (T1) - Reduce height by approx.1m leaving a minimum of 11m top height and reduce radial spread by approx. 1m leaving a minimum of 3m

Reasons given: To continue regime of containment pruning, keeping at a size appropriate for its proximity to property

Comments on Application:

Ash / *Fraxinus excelsior* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early-mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality.
- The proposal to reduce overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Part a) 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

Part b) 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.

Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August).

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

