

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: WA/117/21/T

Location: Mulberry Barn, Eastergate Lane, Walberton, BN18 0BA

Description of works: Mature English oak (T1) - Crown lift the low southerly growth to allow 2m between the tree and roof line of Mulberry Barns and remove some of major dead wood where it is a risk to the roof and public

Reasons given: Health and safety

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- The applicant has employed Arun Tree Company Ltd. to assess the tree and provide a report on its condition, which recommends a balanced work proposal to manage the tree in an appropriate state for its location.
- This is a long-established tree of apparent good health albeit with a heavily modified crown. It is visible from numerous properties and to users of public open space and highway (footway and carriageway).
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require permission from the local planning authority.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- There should be no loss of public amenity on completion.

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) Where pollarding or crown reduction pruning has occurred previously, then 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.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's 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 / Greenspace

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

