

Planning Officer : Andrew Wood

Planning Application Ref: WA/12/17/T

Location : The Red Cottage, The Street, Walberton

Description of works: Canopy spread reduction of 2m & height reduction of 2m to 1 No Turkey Oak

Applicants Reasons Safety of the neighbours house

Comments On Application:

Turkey Oak *Quercus cerris* Height = 25m Avge spread = 9m Age = Mature

- This tree is located along the rear western boundary to Red Cottage and has low overhang of the adjacent house.
- It is a fine specimen tree of high amenity value and significance in the landscape.
- I would normally have opposed the commencement of a reduction program on a free standing tree but as it overhangs the adjacent House it is only fair and reasonable to expect to want to control this trees growth potential.

Conclusions:

- Provided that the work is professionally and skilfully undertaken and no more than 2m is removed and all cuts do not exceed 100mm in diameter and are made adjacent to a living growth point then there should be minimal adverse impact on the tree.

Recommendations:

- I raise **NO OBJECTION** to the works as described in this notification for the reasons stated above subject to the following Conditions being applied.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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 **and MUST NOT exceed 100mm diameter.**
- 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 **and MUST NOT exceed 100mm diameter.**

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.*

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