

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton
Planning Application Ref: WA/3/19/T
Location: Walberton Park, Walberton, BN18 0PJ
Description of works: Fell 1 no. ash tree and crown reduction up to 3m to 1 no. magnolia tree
Reasons Given: T3 – Structural weakness T4 – Extensive dieback

Comments on Application:

T3 Magnolia / <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Height: Approx. 13m	Average spread: 8m	Age class: Mature
T4 Ash / <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Height: Approx. 24m	Average spread: 7m	Age class: Mature

- The applicant has submitted a detailed arboricultural survey in support of this application, the results of which I concur such that I have no need to reiterate them in my own report.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to preserve T3 with respect to natural tree form and remove an unacceptable level of risk to surrounding land users (T4).
- If the work to T3 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 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.

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