

Planning Officer: Andrew Wood

Planning Application Ref: WA/46/17/TC

Location: 11 Maple Road, Walberton

Description of works: Fell 1 No Magnolia and 1 No Fig tree.

Applicants Reasons: Trees are dominant and casting dense shade.

Comments On Application:

Magnolia *Magnolia soulangeana* Height 5m Spread 3m Age Mature

Fig *Ficus carica* Height 3m Spread 2.5m Age Early Mature

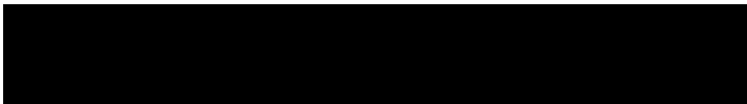
- Small but low spreading trees positioned to the front and rear of the property.
- The Magnolia dominates the front garden and casts significant shade on the garden and restricts light to the habitable rooms at the front of the house.
- The Fig is a low spreading tree and occupies a large area of ground in a small rear garden.

Conclusions:

- Overall whilst these trees do make an impact in the landscape I do not see them as suitable subjects for a TPO.
- Further to this it would be unreasonable to seek to control these works by applying a TPO given the problems of dominance and shading being experienced by the owners.
- Pruning is not an option given that the works would have to be so excessive as to exceed BS3998 and Magnolia is intolerant of heavy lopping and the Fig will just sprout out in all directions with new growth.

Recommendations:

- For the reasons stated above I find these works as listed to be acceptable and would not recommend that a TPO is made to seek to prevent or control them.



Consultant Arboriculturist