



ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL RESOURCES DEPT 16 NOV 2009 ACTION...

MEMO

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TO:
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Planning

Planning Application. WA/61/ 09/T Prune out dead wood and reduce by 45% One Oak tree due to excessive shading at cedar Cottage and overhanging Woodlea Cottage Wandley's Lane.

Thank you for your memo regarding the above application to which I visited today.

The Oak tree in question is situated on the SW corner of the garden of Cedar Cottage. It is a superb Specimen with remarkably well spaced branch work, typical of many such specimens in this locality.

A TPO was placed on the tree when Woodley Cottage was built and to my knowledge the has been no application to do any work on the tree thus far.

The work specified in the application is very drastic and will result in a very unsightly tree the main structure being reduced to a limited number of very bare boughs which will produce nothing but "Witches Brooms "on the ends of the boughs where the pruning takes place.

There is no statement in the application from a qualified tree surgeon regarding the work or why it has been applied for, apart from the fact that it overhangs the neighbour's property. To cut that amount back to the boundary would render the tree very imbalanced and from the amenity point of view very out of keeping with the rest of the trees in the area.

I suggest that the maximum reduction of any thing on this tree should be 15% from the ends of the branch work and this would have to be undertaken by a qualified Arborist under the supervision of the Arboricultural Officer.

I hope this will be of help to you.

Mark Everson.
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