

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: WA/82/17/T

Location: Walberton Place Nursing Home, Yapton Lane, Walberton

Description of works: Crown lift 1No. Lime by 1m. Crown lift 2No. Sweet Chestnut by 2m. Crown lift 2No. Lime by 2.5m. Crown lift 1No. Lime by 3.5m. Crown lift 1No. Lime, 2No. Sweet Chestnut & 1No. English Oak by 1.5m. Crown lift 1No. English Oak by 2.5m & crown reduction of 1No. English Oak by 3m

Reasons Given: To achieve adequate carriageway and proposed building clearance

Comments on Application:

- The access road to the development site is flanked by numerous large trees of local significance and have high amenity value.
- The applicant has utilised the original TPO schedule and plan drawing ref. 1/1987/WA. While relevant for the purpose of administering the Order, a number of trees no longer exist.
- Their deduction of which individual trees exist or not is not wholly accurate and this makes interpretation of the proposed work specification unreliable. Furthermore, a number of trees clearly requiring some work to achieve stated aims of the work are not included for (or are given inadequate) consideration and this compounds the difficulty.
- The group (G1) contains more than one mature oak in close proximity to the development site and it is not clear which particular tree is proposed for pruning work. There is also some ambiguity around the precise nature of work proposed. 'Crown reduction' (a defined term within BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations) features on the original application form and suggests a reduction in overall height and spread, yet within the applicant's subsequent email of 25.01.18 the same term is used within the context of reducing two primary branches by 3metres.

Conclusions:

- The information provided is not accurate enough to determine the application in full.
- The applicant will need to either re-submit the required information or employ the services of an arboricultural consultant; to prepare a tree survey schedule that includes a corresponding site plan and work specification – so that we can make an informed decision.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team