

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: WA/85/21/T

Location: Myrtle Cottage, The Street, Walberton, BN18 0PJ

Description of works: 1no. hazel tree (T1) - Crown lift to approx. 2.4m and Crown thin by 15%.
1no. holly tree (T2) - Crown reduction to height 4.5m and spread 2.5m.
1no. bay tree (T3) - Crown reduction to height 4.5m and spread 2.5m.
1no. *Magnolia* tree (T4) - Crown thin by 15% and 1no. maple tree (T6)
Crown thin by 15%

Reasons given:

Comments on Application:

- There are four trees included in this proposal. No individual tree is worthy of specific comment for the purposes of reviewing this application; all can be satisfactorily considered for generic comment, as follows:
- There is one Tree Preservation Order affecting this property (WA/1/91). It is also within the Walberton Village Conservation Area. I have been unable to access the supporting Schedule and Plan for the Order.
- Outwardly and from a distance (roadside) these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary. They make a small contribution to the character of the area and T1 aside, provide little public amenity.
- The work proposed is sensible management and ought not to diminish the more visually impressive trees (T1 & T6).

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. If undertaken to a high standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the trees' long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Part a) 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

Part b) 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.

- *See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter*

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

