

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner
Planning Application Ref: Y/36/19/T
Location: Ferndale House, Burndell Road, Yapton, BN18 0HT
Description of works: Crown reduction of 1.5m - 2m to 1no. hornbeam tree
Reasons Given: Risk management

Comments on Application:

Hornbeam / *Carpinus betulus* Approx. height: 12m Average spread: 4m Age class: Mature

- This tree grows at the north end of a group of trees, neighbouring sycamore and hornbeam; an attractive group benefiting from mutual support and cohesion. Beyond the curtilage of this property the group can be viewed as an important constituent of an established line of trees, which both help define the character of the area and represent a significant public amenity.
- It appears to be outwardly healthy and stable. It has been dominated by adjacent tree(s) but remains a visually attractive component of the group. It is both visible from adjacent properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).

Conclusions:

- This is a long-established tree given adequate room and statutory protection during/in response to - relatively recent residential development; so as to be purposefully retained in harmony with surroundings.
- It has not been demonstrated that this tree presents such a level of risk that it can only reasonably be retained at reduced dimensions. Crown reduction to such an extent will place undue stress on the tree and diminish its aesthetic value.

Recommendations:

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

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