

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: David Eastern

PLANNING APPLICATION: Y/80/14/TC

ADDRESS: The Old bakery, Church Road, Yapton, West Sussex, BN180ER

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Fell one apple Tree, reduce and thin one Yew tree.

INSPECTION DATE: 17/11/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☐

Split Decision ☒

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☒

Suggested Conditions ☒

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

T1 Species: Apple *Malus spp* **Height:** 4 meters **Average Crown Spread:** 1 meters **Crown Condition:** poor **Form:** poor **Age Class:** mature

T2 Species: Yew *Taxus spp* **Height:** 5 meters **Average Crown Spread:** 2 meters **Crown Condition:** good **Form:** good **Age Class:** semi mature

Comments:

- The outlined trees are situated in the high amenity landscape of Yapton Village. Both the outlined trees are located in a conservation area, but have no active TPO protection.
- The surrounding landscape mainly consists of smaller to medium sized specimens that do tend to be of the broad-leafed species.
- **T1** is a mature apple that is clearly in poor condition. The crown does have large sections of dead mass, also it is clear there has been no annual growth this season. Also once pressure is applied to the stem there is a large amount of movement to the basal area. this would indicate imminent failure occurring
- As for **T2**, this yew tree is in very good condition and appears to have had a large annual growth increase. The outlined yew tree is also surrounded by juvenile oaks trees. The yew and the oaks have just begun to suppress each other, so a measure to prevent the continuation suppression/completion is likely to benefit both individuals.
- The submitted application has outlined the desire to prune **T2** to 2 meters in height and reduce the lateral spread to 1.2 meters. Unfortunately the vertical reduction combined with the requested lateral

reduction that has been requested, is more that the BS 3998:2010 section 7 will allow for. As it would be bad practise to put this outlined tree under unnecessary stress on this pruning exercise, it would be my suggestion that the height is kept at above 3.25 meters on this pruning regime to avoid this occurring. If the applicant would like to eventually bring down the height of this yew to allow the surrounding standards a chance to establish, a further application should be made at a future date

Recommendation:

- **It would be therefore my recommendation that T1 should be felled** as it appears to be Dead/diseased/dying and it is likely to fail in the basal area in its current condition.
- **It would also be my recommendation that T2 should have the lateral reduction of 0.8 meters applied for, however the height should be brought down to 3.25 meters,** not 2.13 meters as this is likely to have detrimental effects of the trees health and vitality.

**Dafydd Lloyd
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