

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/0602: 9 Heath Close Mannings Heath.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Nuthurst Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal.

No additional representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:

1. The tree subject to this application has previously been pruned to manage its size and form in relation to its position within a relatively modest rear garden setting. The existing pruning regime appears to have been successful, and the tree has responded well to the previous works, displaying good recovery and vitality.
2. Given the site's constraints and the relationship between the tree and surrounding residential properties, it is considered reasonable that an ongoing programme of cyclical pruning should continue where necessary.
3. The application proposes a crown reduction of 3 metres throughout the canopy. However, it is evident that since the previous pruning works were undertaken, the tree has produced only approximately 1.0–1.5 metres of new growth. Consequently, carrying out a 3-metre reduction would require pruning well beyond the established reduction points and into older growth.
4. Such works would not represent appropriate arboricultural management of a protected tree and would not accord with the principles and recommendations contained within **BS3998:2010 – Tree Work: Recommendations**. Furthermore, the proposed extent of pruning would likely result in the creation of unnecessarily large pruning wounds, increasing the risk of pathogen ingress and the development of decay.
5. Over time, the resulting deterioration in condition could adversely affect the tree's health, structural integrity and amenity value, which would be contrary to the objectives of long-term tree retention.
6. Whilst continued management of the tree is considered acceptable in principle, the proposed extent of reduction is excessive. A reduction limited to the removal of recent regrowth, amounting to approximately 1.0–1.5 metres where necessary throughout the crown, would represent a more appropriate and sustainable form of management.
7. As such It is considered that the amended works are reasonable and justified and will not cause harm to the character and amenities of the locality.

RECOMMENDATION:

Grant consent subject to the conditions below.

CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

1. TR2 *Time limit, 2 years*
2. TR3a *Treeworks limit (bespoke)*
The tree work to which this consent relates shall be limited to:
 - Crown reduce tree all round by trimming branches to the existing growth points by up to 1 to 1.5m where needed, leaving a well-balanced crown.Reason: for the avoidance of doubt.
3. TR4 *Surgery standards*
- TINF1 *Note to applicant.*
- TINF2 *Wildlife protection.*

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Authorising Officer sign.....ANBU..... **Arboricultural Officer (Strategic Planning).**

Date.....23 Jul 26...