

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO: **DC/26/0250: 3 Easton Crescent, Billingshurst RH14 9TU.**

REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Billingshurst Parish Council has stated no objection to this proposal.
No representations have been received in respect of this application.

ASSESSMENT:

1. The trees the subject of this application are a lime and an Oak situated in the rear garden of the applicant rear garden. The constraint is Order 0817 served on the 13/07/95 the trees in question are the Oak T3 of the order and the Lime T2.
2. The applicant seek consent to reduce the height of the Lime, by up to 3m and sides by up to 2m. and the same spec has been provided for the Oak, whereby that seek consent to reduce its height by up to 3m and sides by up to 2m.
3. Both trees have been subject to previous works to manage their size and form with regards to their location. The last set of works were completed under application DC/21/0275.
4. While it is apparent that the trees have developed new growth since the previous works, however, it is noted that the proposed reduction height of 3m would take the works past the established pruning points, this would not represent pest brattice as befits the trees landscape worth or protected status.
5. Reducing the tree past the established pruning points would hinder the trees' ability to effectively seal off the pruning wounds, increases the size of exposed tissue, and significantly raises the risk of decay fungi and pathogens entering exposed area, which can weaken structural integrity over time. This could also trigger excessive and poorly attached epicormic growth, reduce the tree's lifespan and amenity value, increase future maintenance costs, and conflict with recognised arboricultural standards such as BS3998.
6. As such the high and lateral pruning works shall be limited to the existing established pruning points. This should ensure the works 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. TR3 *Treeworks limit (standard)*
2. TR3a *Treeworks limit (bespoke)*
The tree work to which this consent relates shall be limited to:
 - Crown reduce both trees all-round by trimming branches to the established pruning/growth points by up to no more than 1.5 to 2.5m where needed, while not exceeding established pruning growth points.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.....12 May 26...