Howard Barnes-moss

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Howard,

Further to our site visits of 9th May, I can confirm the following:

13 Ambrose Place AWDM/0308/13: Sycamore approx ht 20m, crown spread 7-9m. The proposed crown reduction can, in a slightly clearer form be supported in view of the weak fork noted at the union of the northernmost ascending scaffold although the application makes no mention of this. Works should be directed at reducing end weight and length of this scaffold in order to reduce the risk of failure whilst reducing the remainder of the crown to a lesser extent and just to balance the works needed on the north side.
The following reduction can be supported, reduce height/length of scaffold on north side by a maximum of 3m from approximate 20m to 17m by drop crotching to suitable growth points and reduce spread of tree on the north side by up to 2m to give a finished radial spread of 7m.
On the remainder of the crown, reduce height by up to 2m by drop crotching to give a finished height of 18m together with a reduction in radial spread by 1-2m to give a final radial spread on the east, west and south sides of 8m.

Hill Barn Lane, Millennium Wood. The young and developing woodland was conceived when the Golf Course was under Council ownership and planted by the Parks section and volunteers as a lasting legacy of the Millennium celebrations. The woodland has established well and the trees planted at that time are now in the size range of 350mm to 600mm with heights up to 8m. The woodland has continued to be developed by local volunteers (Millennium Woodland Group) and supported by the Woodland Trust and Richard Haygarth who purchased the Golf Course from the Council in 2003; new trees have been planted in order to complete the woodland and join up two adjacent protected old and pre-existing woodlands to the east and west. The trees have now reached a stature and the woodland an extent whereby it is a significant feature of the landscape in that area and in views from the Downs to the north. I would support a Woodland Tree Preservation Order that has been requested by the volunteer group.

41 Mill Road, Lancing, the application seeks to thin the group of Holm oaks along the Mill Lane frontage of the property because of the nuisance being caused by bird droppings. Whilst this would not normally be a reason to fell protected trees the trees proposed for removal are largely hidden from public views and therefore their loss would not on balance be significantly detrimental to local amenity. Tree T13 is the larger tree and whilst its bole is visible in views into the driveway, its crown is largely obscured from public views being behind the crowns of the adjacent two Holm oaks T12 and T1**5** to each side. The second tree proposed for removal has had its crown removed previously, leaving an approximate height of 8m and has no public amenity value being completely hidden from public view points behind other trees and shrubs. It is recommended that the trees are replaced with a Beech Trees (Fagus sylvatica) which would be less attractive to roosting birds than the evergreen Holm Oaks. Beech could be expected to establish with some shade cast by the remaining trees and add a deciduous native element to the group.
The proposed pruning of the Holm oak on the north boundary would not adversely affect amenity value and can be supported.

* AWDM/0308/13

49 Manor Road/146 First Avenue
The line of conifers have been removed from the boundary leaving two individual Leylandii at the north and south ends of the previous line and a further pair set back within the property approximately 5m from the boundary.

Regards

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