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From: Sephton, David
Sent: 05 September 2017 09:28
To: Planning
Subject: Y17/0906/SH - Turnbull Place, Ingles Road, Folkestone

Hi,

Re: Y17/0906/SH - Turnbull Place, Ingles Road, Folkestone.

I would like to recommend the refusal on consent in respect of this application due to there being no sound arboricultural justification for the pollarding of T1 or the removal of T2.

Whilst T1 may be a lapsed pollard, I would not recommend that it is re-pollarded to the extent sought within the application. The trees at what is now Turnbull Place have been previously managed by way of crown reduction, which has kept the height and spread of their canopies in check and as such I can see no sound justification for such an extensive pollard. T1 should be reduced back to the previous pruning points, which will serve to remove encroachment back from the southern side of Turnbull Place and enable adequate clearance over the adjacent highway.

T2 has a marginally sparser canopy than the other two Holm Oaks for a number of reasons. Firstly, the tree was pruned rather unsympathetically on its eastern side to allow high sided vehicles access to the development site whilst Turnbull Place was under construction, which served to remove a considerable amount of foliage from which the tree has not yet quite recovered. The tree appears sparser when viewed from the eastern side as opposed to the western or southern sides. Secondly, the tree was inadequately protected during the construction of Turnbull Place, which resulted in damage to its root system. The tree has been recovering well over the past few years and should be retained and allowed to recover.

The Holm Oaks at Turnbull Place are considered to possess high visual amenity value are expected to be maintained in a sympathetic manner that is not detrimental to their long term health. It is my opinion that the proposed works are excessive and as such consent should be refused and an alternative prescription submitted.

Kind regards,

Dave.

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