

# Comments for Planning Application APP/17/00644

## Application Summary

Application Number: APP/17/00644

Address: Trees to west of 533 Southleigh Road and 1-3 Allendale Avenue, Emsworth

Proposal: Crown reduce 1No. Oak by 3m; Fell 1No. Turkey Oak; Fell 1No. Ash; Remove 8 lowest laterals on east side of 1No. Oak and reduce east side of crown by 2m. All trees subject to AI of TPO 0996.

Case Officer: Jamie Gargett

## Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jane Brook

Address: 13 Allendale Ave Emsworth

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Consultation modified

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

7th July, 2017

Dear Sir,

I am writing with regard to an application for tree works, APP/17/00644, in north Emsworth. This line of mature oak and ash trees is an important area within Emsworth for wildlife. It is one of the Emsworth Waysides and is monitored regularly for wildflowers and for wildlife.

It is a haven for frogs and toads, for hedgehogs and other small mammals which live and feed in this location, and it provides a corridor for animals to move through the increasingly urban environment.

Whilst I understand the need for tree works, I would ask you to treat this area with sensitivity when completing felling and crown reductions and keep cutting and disturbance to a minimum.

Hedgehogs in particular, use the brush and undergrowth in which to bivouac during the day and are easily damaged or killed by trampling, machinery and insensitive removal of arisings.

Frogs and toads can also be harmed in a similar manner. Bats are seen in this area of Emsworth and use the hollows within the trees to roost and will feed on the insects that live in the trees so an awareness of their presence is vital to safeguard them and their habitat.

Any dead wood that arises from the felling or crown reduction, particularly if it is well rotted, would really benefit the habitat further. It may well be that there are already beetle grubs in situ. Leaving this on the ground in a corner of the wayside area, would further enhance this precious habitat and not detract from it. In addition, it would be really helpful if some of the trees that were being felled could be left in a safe state, cut off at around 2 metres, and left as standing deadwood as this

would be beneficial to the habitat. It might be beneficial for native tree species, for example Silver Birch or Rowan, to be planted to further enhance the biodiversity of the area .

I am happy to put up an explanatory notice detailing the reasons for the enhancement of the environment, as part of the Waysides project obviously in conjunction with Norse.

I hope that you will be able to take these factors into consideration when you carry out the work and have summarised my key points as follows.

- 1) Sensitive treatment of the area to prevent unnecessary disturbance.
- 2) Care when moving or removing brush or debris, to avoid harming wildlife
- 3) Care when walking over area or using machinery
- 4) Leave arisings especially very rotted deadwood in a corner of the area so that it can continue to rot down and create habitat for beetles and other invertebrates.
- 5) Leave some stumps as standing deadwood - particularly the ash and native oaks.
- 6) Planting of native tree species
- 7) I would like to be contacted with details of when the work is to be carried out.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Jane Brook (Mrs)

Chair

Emsworth Waysides