

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: AW/105/22/T
Location: 35 Colts Bay, Aldwick, PO21 4EH
Proposal: 1 no. pedunculate oak (T1) - pollard back to previous topping points on all sides
Reasons given: To mitigate risk of stem failure

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Late-mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review using the information and plan submitted as well as online resources.
- The applicant has employed Eden Tree Care as agent to prepare and submit the application. They make available a comprehensive Tree Condition Report from Gale Tree Consultancy.
- The tree is an important constituent of the mature tree population which pre-dates much of the local development. It remains visible from surrounding properties and publicly accessible land (footway and carriageway).

Conclusions:

- The proposed work is necessary to mitigate an established risk of structural failure and so justified on arboricultural grounds.
- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010

Part b) Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter***

Advisory:

- Although late-mature trees may respond with vigour to hard pruning (as proposed), there is inherent risk of long-term vitality being severely affected. The optimum time to prune is during the late spring to summer period (May to August).

Mark Warwick
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

