

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 8th June 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper
Reference: AW/111/26/T
Location: 19 Gossamer Lane, Aldwick, PO21 3AT
Proposal: Fell 1no. beech tree
Reason: Risk management

Comments on Application:

Beech / <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Height: 15-20m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
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This is a large tree with a full and spreading crown. From distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It is highly visible from surrounding properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).

On closer inspection, multiple stems are observed with some compression and there are large zones of bark death/detachment on several of those stems. A recent catastrophic failure of one has highlighted an unacceptable level of risk of further failures of similar size and potential for harm. Decay is present within the complex of stem unions. The extent of remedial pruning necessary to mitigate that risk would incur a complete loss of the tree's amenity offer.

Conclusions:

The proposed work is justified on arboricultural grounds.

The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and its removal will be detrimental to the visual amenity of the locality. As such, it is appropriate for a replacement tree to be planted at the same or nearby position, which can be secured by a planning condition.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1

Once the tree has been felled then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within ten metres, free from the interference of established and developing tree canopy so that it may develop an upright and uniform crown towards maturity.

This is to be of Selected Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the beech tree.

The species shall be selected from the following:-

Field maple *Acer campestre*

Sweet Gum *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Turkish hazel *Corylus colurna*

Maidenhair (male) *Ginkgo biloba*

Hop hornbeam *Ostrya carpinifolia*

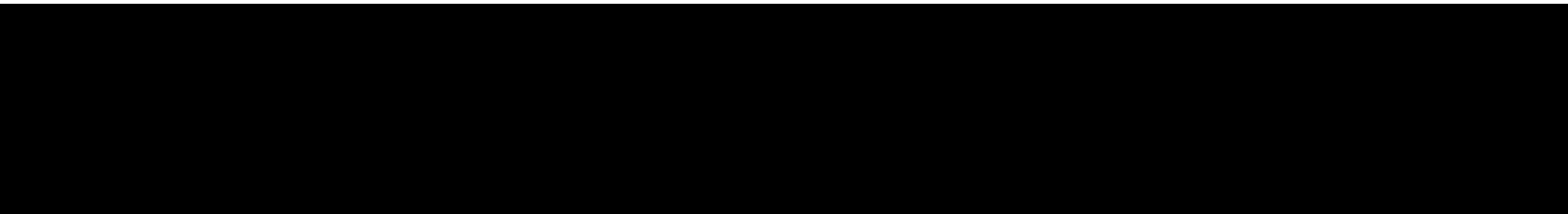
The selected tree(s) must be viable for long-term retention in the landscape after a period of five years from the date of this decision notice. Any tree dead, dying or considered unviable for long-term retention by the council's tree officer, will need to be replaced to the satisfaction of the local planning authority within 12 months of that determination.

Reasons: To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

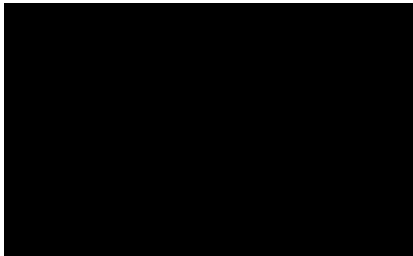
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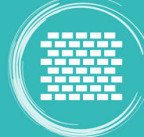
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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