

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 14th July 2026

Case Officer: Susan Haley
Reference: AW/113/26/T
Location: Easter Cottage, Aldwick Street, Aldwick, PO21 3AW
Proposal: Fell 1no. walnut tree
Reason: Damage to property (boundary wall)

Comments on Application:

Common walnut / *Juglans regia* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

This tree is in a fine physiological state and despite a history of crown reduction pruning it makes a welcome and prominent verdant contribution to the local street scene.

The property forecourt and garden are enclosed by a high brick and flint boundary wall facing the street, which itself is an attractive character feature. It has sustained notable damage in one area, at its nearest point to the tree. Paved surfaces around the tree are heavily swollen, presumably from root growth and there is a prominent buttress tending towards the cracked part of the wall.

Conclusions:

I am satisfied that on the balance of probabilities; the tree will be responsible for much if not all of the observable damage to built structures and hard surfacing. The tree retains high growth potential with associated risk of ongoing damage, which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated by pruning.

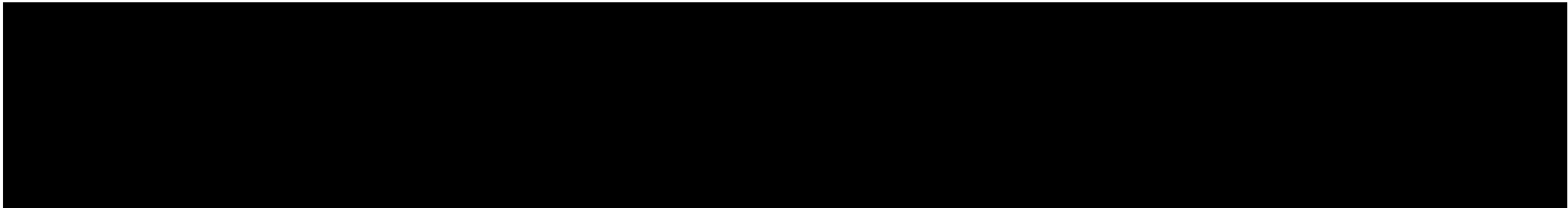
The proposed work is justified on arboricultural grounds. While a loss of visual amenity will be incurred, this is necessary to protect the boundary wall which itself makes an appealing contribution to the street scene.

I do not consider it appropriate to condition a replacement at this location, given high risk of the same problem reoccurring.

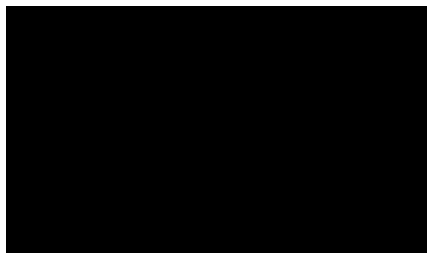
Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application.

Mark Warwick
Principal Tree Officer
Environment and Climate Change



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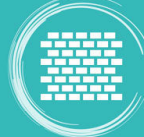
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Tree Officer, Environment and Climate Change

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