Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 13th June 2017

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/117/17/T**

Location: **11 Arun Way, Aldwick**

Description of works: Reduce east & west sides of 1 No Pine tree by 2m

Comments On Application:

Corsican Pine *Pinus nigra 'Maritima'* Height: 12m Avge Spread: 8m Age: Early-Mature

- There are significant amounts of deadwood and small twiggy dieback in the crown of this tree attributable to its exposed location at the front line of saline winds off the sea.
- It has an unbalanced crown which is apparently due to suppression from another tree since removed but I also think it is the result of poor pruning in the past.

Conclusions

- Given its prominent location and targets beneath its crown it would be advisable to remove the deadwood and dieback for safety reasons.
- The crown imbalance needs to be addressed but not just by pruning back the east and west sides of the tree it also needs pruning back on the north side as well.

Recommendations

- As it stands I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application - because the pruning requested is excessive and would be harmful to the ongoing health and vitality of the tree at this location.

ADVISORY:

I suggest that the applicant comes back in with a proposal to:-

1. Prune back the laterals to the north and east and west sides of the tree by varying amounts according to the length of the original branch but not to exceed 1.5m and in all instances cuts must be made adjacent to living growth points and NO STUBS devoid of foliage are to be left.
2. Remove ALL deadwood and dieback.

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Consultant Arboriculturist