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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: AW/117/20/T

Location: 27 Fish Lane Aldwick PO21 3AH

Description of works: Crown reduction 1no. sycamore (T257) to height 14m and spread 7m. Reduce height of 1no. sycamore (T258) to 14m

Reasons given: Abatement of nuisance

Comments on Application:

2x Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Average radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- The applicant has employed S&P Tree Specialists Ltd to assess the trees and prepare a brief report in support of the application. This recommends a balanced set of work proposals to manage the trees in an appropriate state for their location.
- My own assessment was limited (restricted view from roadside) although outwardly and from a distance they appear to be in a fine physiological state, with an attractive shared crown profile. Visibility of those trees is limited due to their partial confinement between dwellings and proximity of a larger roadside tree of much greater prominence - nevertheless they have public amenity value.
- T257 has previously been subject to crown reduction pruning, from which it has 'grown on' well. Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity and containment, appropriate for its location.
- T258 being a close companion, is to be reduced in height only and to maintain a shared crown profile with T257.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is 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.
- The proposal to reduce T257's overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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 interests of the trees 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:

- The long-term vitality of these trees is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the summer (June to August) or mid-winter (late-December to early-February) periods. The work should only be undertaken during these periods.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

