

PL- Consultation- Tree Officer response



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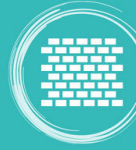
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Reference: **AW/119/26/T**

Proposal: Reduce spread to 2m from side nearest resident's hedge and lift crown to 2.2m to 1no. Chinese privet.

Location: Verge outside 12 A'Becket's Avenue, Aldwick

I have undertaken a desktop review of Tree Preservation Orders which may affect the roadside verge. My understanding is that only Bognor No2 (Area Order) could apply. I am confident that this tree would not have been established at the time that Order was made (1958). The tree is not within the Aldwick Bay conservation area.

Furthermore, I do not believe this tree is of sufficient public amenity value to justify the making of an individual Order to preserve its place in the landscape and/or control its management.

My recommendation is that the applicant be invited to withdraw their application and advised to proceed without further recourse to this Authority. It might be helpful if the applicant is given the following advice:

The applicant should first check with the local planning authority (this can often be done online via our website - <https://www.arun.gov.uk/tpo>) to see if any Statutory Protection exists. Where an Area Tree Preservation Order (e.g. Bognor No.2) exists at the plot the applicant might estimate the age of a tree (by non-invasive methods only) or submit clear photographs and stem diameter measurements taken at a specified height (usually 1.3m for single stem trees) to the planning department (planning@arun.gov.uk), so that we might determine its inclusion or not in the Order, from desktop review before validating an application. This approach will ensure all parties involved (client, contractor, statutory consultees, local planning authority) are not unnecessarily burdened and can meet their maintenance obligations without undue delay.

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