

From: Ian Brewster
Sent: 15 February 2011 17:37
To: Janice Chapman
Subject: AW/11/11/T 123 Aldwick Road Aldwick PO21 2NY

Dear Janice,

the above applicant proposes a crown lift to 4m and a crown thin by 25%. The reason for the work has been describe to allow more light into the surrounding gardens.

It is appreciated that the tree would appear by those who live close by to dominate their rear garden aspect. The tree has or is near to reaching its full mature height and width.

Altering crown dynamics suddenly by excessive pruning may cause over-flexing of the remainder crown and may result in damage and limb loss. Crown thinning a finely branched tree would be difficult to achieve unless using a elevated works platform. However this can be practical achieved by selection a number of the longest and thickest stems for removal to substantial side branches. This method should favour the retention of the shorter and less etiolate stems without creating gaps that would otherwise expose others to wind snap. This method combined with a crown clean i.e. the removal of abrading branches and deadwood within the main branch structure, is practical, safe and where a 25% could be achieved. A pruning guide attached showing the silhouette of the tree and inked red, showing the extent of what should be removed, will hopefully assist the tree surgeon during the operation.

If the above is adhered to then I would accept the proposal to crown thin by 25%. I would recommend also a crown lift is acceptable however only up to but not exceeding a height from the ground of 3m to allow access beneath the tree.

Yours sincerely

Ian Brewster