Arun District Council

Date Inspected: 30th May 2017

Planning Officer: Richard Temple

Planning Application Ref: **AW/123/17/T**

Location: **54 Kingsway, Aldwick**

Description of works: Fell 3 No Bay trees (1 at front and 2 at rear)

Reasons Given: Cast heavy shade and deprive other plants of water.

Comments:

Bay Laurels *Laurus nobilis* Height – Av 5m to 6m Spread – 1.5m to 2m Age – Early mature

- These would be classified as a small evergreen species but I can see that in a small garden they could dominate and cause problems.
- The tree at the front has visual significance and enhances the amenity of the area.
- The trees at the rear cannot readily be seen from a public vantage point and are more of an issue having been planted close together so the combined effect on the garden is more significant.

Conclusions:

- These trees have amenity value and to allow the removal of all three would have a significant impact in the landscape.
- These trees lend themselves to being pruned and respond well to same so I would see that the solution at the front is to prune rather than fell this tree.
- At the rear the two trees have an amplified effect due to their close proximity so I can see the justification for removing one of them and retain the other one and have it pruned.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** of this application - as the works are excessive and would result in a total loss of amenity value and shrubs would not compensate for their loss in the landscape.

Advisory:

- Recommend that the applicant re-submits seeking the following works:-

Front Bay – Prune the tree by removing 1m to 1.5m from the top and a maximum of 0.5m from the lateral spread.

Rear Bays – Fell one of the trees and prune the other one by removing 1m to 1.5m from the top and a maximum of 0.5m from the lateral spread. There would be no requirement to replace the tree that is to be removed.

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