

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: AW/126/18/T

Location: 202 Manor Way, Aldwick

Description of works: Crown reduce 1No. Silver Birch by 3m.

Reasons Given: Good husbandry

Comments on Application:

Silver birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	Height: Approx. 12m	Spread: Approx. 5m	Age: Mature
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- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and structurally sound, when viewed from the road. It has a wide, spreading form with very little past crown modification.
- It is growing in a prominent position towards the front of the property and highly visible to traffic accessing/exiting the estate and from adjacent properties.
- The proposed extent of crown reduction is significant in terms of its overall height and spread.
- This tree is mature/over-mature and vulnerable to harm from abrupt changes in its environment and/or hard pruning, so should be the subject of careful management.

Conclusions:

- This tree is a significant feature in the local street scene and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of its landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

Mark Warwick

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