

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley

Reference: AW/127/22/T

Location: 123 Manor Way, Aldwick, PO21 4HN

Proposal: 1 no. *Eucalyptus* (T1) reduce back to previous pruning points leaving final height 10m and spread 8m

Reasons given: To restore cyclical pruning regime and reduce risk of limb failure

Comments on Application:

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.

Repeat operations such as now being sought by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

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.

Conclusions:

The proposed work is necessary to mitigate risk of structural failure across the limb and main branch framework.

Reducing overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendation:

I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

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 (c2014) must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's 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:

Although *Eucalyptus* trees may respond with vigour to hard pruning (as proposed), they have a poor tolerance of such work and long-term vitality can be severely affected. The optimum time to prune is during the late spring to summer period (May to August).

Mark Warwick
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

