

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: **AW/12/21/T**

Location: **2 Tithe Barn Way, Aldwick Bay, Bognor Regis, PO21 4HA**

Description of works: **Crown reduction of 3no. beech trees (T1-T3) back to knuckles. Crown reduction of 1no. tulip tree (T4) back to knuckles**

Reasons given: 1. General maintenance 2. Shading

Comments on Application:

T1 - T3 incl. Beech / <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Height: 5-10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature
T4 – Tulip tree / <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Height: 5-10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Semi mature

- Outwardly and from distance these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state (and assumed to be so in the absence of any information/evidence provided to the contrary) with moderate form. They grow at the rear of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings but are visible only with difficulty from publicly accessible land.
- All have been the subject of past reduction pruning, last undertaken c2016 – see application reference AW/276/16/TC, from which they have ‘grown on’ well. They enjoy Statutory Protection arising from their location within the Aldwick Bay Conservation Area.
- I have undertaken a desktop review of Tree Preservation Orders which may affect this plot. My understanding is that only Bognor No2 (Area Order) could apply. I am confident that the above trees would not have been established at the time that Order was made (1958). Furthermore, I do not believe they are of sufficient public amenity value to justify the making of an individual Order to preserve their place in the landscape and/or control future management.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout their remaining lifespan, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for the location.

Conclusions:

- 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.
- The work proposed is consistent with that previously approved by the local planning authority.

Recommendation:

- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Mark Warwick
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