

Planning Officer: Simon Davis

Planning Application: Seeking advice on an **OUTLINE** planning application with some matters reserved for the erection of 8 No. dwellings with new access between 34 and 36 Carlton Avenue, Aldwick.

Reference: **AW/130/18/OUT**

Location: **Land to the rear of 34, 36, 38, 40 & 44 Carlton Avenue, Aldwick.**

Comments:

- The applicants have not submitted any supporting arboricultural information.
- I noted on my inspection that there are trees within these gardens and also valuable trees in the adjacent public Park which would be impacted by these proposals.

Conclusions:

- No supporting arboricultural information has been submitted with this application despite the fact that there are clearly trees both on and off this site which require consideration and full respect in terms of BS5837 recommendations.

Recommendations:

- The applicants will need to supply an **Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Tree Constraints Plan** before I can assess the impact that the proposals might have on the existing tree stock.
- I therefore register an **OBJECTION** on the grounds that no supporting arboricultural information has been submitted with this application.
- I note the comments of Adrian Cruz that this is an OUTLINE application and as they have not applied for specific layout consideration at this time then no Arb information can be requested – I find this somewhat ‘self-defeating’ because if there are issues at a later stage (and there are likely to be with trees in the rear gardens and along the rear boundary line (off site) then they could have easily been resolved at the Outline stage and then they could submit a detailed scheme which is likely to receive approval on Arboricultural matters. However they have applied for consideration of the new access point but I do not see any tree conflicts here.
- It seems that I will be forced to withdraw my Objection at this juncture and keep my powder dry for round 2! When I will of course need to see the more detailed **Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan** submitted in support of the detailed scheme please.

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