

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: **AW/130/19/T**

Location: **Beggars Roost, 207 Manor Way, Aldwick, PO21 4HW**

Description of works: **Crown reduction of 4m to 1 No. eucalyptus tree**

Reasons Given: Safety concern following recent limb failure

Comments on Application:

Eucalyptus / <i>Eucalyptus sp.</i>	Approx. height: 16m	Average spread: 7m	Age class: Early mature
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- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a full and attractive crown profile. Appears to be a fine example of its type.
- It is located close to boundaries with and therefore highly visible from adjacent property. The high canopy is visually impressive when viewed from the main estate access road. As such, it has public amenity value.
- The ragged limb remnant was not closely observed but it is assumed the failure was no more than an unfortunate and not entirely unexpected consequence of inclement weather. There is no clear evidence in the crown of similar events having occurred, which might suggest the tree is especially vulnerable to shedding limbs or large branches.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce both the height and lateral spread on all aspects (the correct interpretation of *crown reduction*) by 4m respectively exceeds the recommendations in 'British Standard (BS3998:2010) Tree work – Recommendations' and would be likely to result in harm to the health and vitality of the tree with large pruning wounds being formed as well as undermining its visual amenity value and impact in the landscape.
- I am unable to concur with the reasons stated as being sufficient to justify the work now proposed.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's 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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