

Planning Officer: Charlotte Burrows

Planning Application Ref: **AW/136/18/T**

Location: **Fairfield, 1 Regis Avenue, Aldwick Bay Estate, Bognor Regis PO21 4HQ**

Description of works: **Crown lift 1No. Incense Cedar by 4m from ground level**

Reasons Given: 1. Shade bearing over ornamental shrubs 2. Carriageway encroachment

Comments on Application:

Himalayan cedar *Cedrus deodara* Height: Approx. 10m Average spread: 3m Age: Young

- Tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and possesses good form. It occupies a prominent position and is both visible from neighbouring properties and to traffic accessing the estate.
- It already provides some visual interest and has significant growth potential, so if managed sympathetically has a good chance of becoming a statuesque tree of high amenity value.
- There is a clear need to remove crown material that will interfere with the safe passage of high-sided vehicles.

Conclusion:

- The extent of proposed work exceeds the recommendations as detailed in British Standard 3998:2010 – Tree Work.
- This tree is rapidly developing to become 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 is likely to harm its vitality and consequently be detrimental to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

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

Advisory:

- I would like to see the applicant re-submit with a revised work specification such as detailed below, which would address the issue of carriageway encroachment whilst preventing a diminution of the tree's existing (and potential) landscape and public amenity value:

1x Himalayan cedar

- Reduce or remove branches as necessary to achieve a maximum of 5m overhead clearance above carriageway and to an extent no more than 30cm back behind grass verge edge.

On receipt of the above revised tree work specification, I would be able to recommend Consent, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- The extent of overhead clearance achieved following branch reduction/removal must not exceed 5metres directly above the carriageway and 2metres on all other aspects.
- 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

- 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.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team