

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date inspected: 16 June 2022

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley

Reference: AW/139/22/T

Location: 51 Chawkmare Coppice, Aldwick, PO21 3SP

Proposal: 1 no. deodar cedar (T1) crown reduction by 1m to a height of 18m. Selective reduction to the crown spread by 1.5m to a finishing spread of 5m

Reasons given: None provided

Comments on Application:

Himalayan cedar / *Cedrus deodara* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

Outwardly and from distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary.

It grows at the front of the property and is prominent within the street scene. As such, it has public amenity value.

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.

Conclusions:

The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. If undertaken to a high standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

The proposal to reduce 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) Where crown reduction pruning has occurred previously, then the removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation 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 cedar trees may respond with vigour to hard pruning, they have a poor tolerance of such work and long-term vitality can be severely affected. The optimum time to prune is during the mid to late winter (January to February) period.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

