

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

FROM: Ian Brewster TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/157/12/T

ADDRESS: 74 Barrack Lane Aldwick PO21 4DE

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Various tree works

INSPECTION DATE: 7th August 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☒ No Objection ☐ Suggested Conditions ☐Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐**Comments:**

The application refers to several trees highlighted for pruning work to a Sycamore, 2x Hornbeam, a Beech and Willow. The applicant has not provided a reason for the work and will be judged on the necessity for practical purposes.

The British Standards for tree work does not recommend multiple pruning operations on the one tree. The Sycamore (T1) for example is highlighted for i) Crown Reduction, ii) Crown Thin and iii) Crown Raise. Carrying out all three operations in one growing season is excessive and, apart from the 2m Crown Lift for access, is without justification. Working to a percentage for Crown Reduction is difficult to quantify. It is recommended for future applications that this amount should be clearly stated in metres that does not exceed the complete removal of the leaf bearing parts.

Recommendation:

There is a requirement to provide free access for high sided vehicles using Barrack Lane and where a crown lift between 4-5m of branches obstruction the highway & driveway and by 2m elsewhere for both Hornbeam trees and Beech as stated in the application is acceptable.

I did not detect any defects within the crown of the Beech. A climbing inspection by a tree surgeon should determine whether any defects such as abrading branches exist as a Thin. The proposed crown thin by 20% of it the Beech tree is excessive as it was considered to already bear a light crown and this operation is not recommended.

The large Willow located close to the property requires pruning work for practical reasons and the proposal for crown reduction of between 2-3m and a 2m crown raise is acceptable.

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