

**ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE
CONSULTATION****FROM: Dafydd Lloyd****TO: David Easton**

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/164/14/T

ADDRESS: 3 the ridings Aldwick Bay, Aldwick

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: To fell 1 No. Holm Oak *Quercus ilex*
Tree & replace with 1 No. Copper Birch *Fagus sylvatica* or 1 no. Elder
Sambucus nigra

INSPECTION DATE: 14/07/2014

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

Species: Holm Oak *Quercus ilex* **Height:** 10 meters **Average Crown Spread:**
2.5 meters **Condition:** Fair to poor **Vitality:** Fair **Age Class:** Semi Mature

- Outlined tree lies in the conservation area of Aldwick Bay, high amenity landscape with young, semi mature, mature, and over mature trees specimens present.
- The outlined tree has evidence of extensive historical damage in the crown. It appears to be storm damage, as multiple limbs have breakouts and regrowth at similar heights. (judging by the age of the regrowth I'm predicting the 87 storm is a likely candidate)
- There has been no 'tidying' up of these wounds, which has led to large sections of die back of the main limbs, and the regrowth around these points
- The overall vitality of this tree does appear to be good. The crown spread and age class does suggest this tree has struggle somewhat to fill out into a more natural open grown form.
- It is also apparent that the tree has got a lean towards a neighbouring property, and although the height of the tree and the distance to the dwelling does not overlap currently, future growth could lead to an overlap (can grow to 30 meters at maturity).
- The basal area did appear to be ok, however there was a small area of decay (less than 5%); there was no evidence of pathogens.

Recommendation:

- **It would be therefore be my recommendation that this tree should be felled**, as it has a poor growth form and is likely to led to future problems

Planning Conditions:

- **It would be a condition that the applicant replants a suitable tree as a replacement. This tree should have a mature growth height of between 5 and 14 meters. The choice of planting stock to be used can be made by the applicant.**
- **Therefore the suggested species outlined in the application are both suitable for choice of planting stock.**

**Dafydd Lloyd
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