

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner
Planning Application Ref: **AW/168/20/T**
Location: **1 Grange Court, Aldwick, PO21 4XR**
Description of works: **Proposed works to multiple trees**
Reasons given: Over-dominance of garden, general good management

Comments on Application:

T225 – Ash-leaved maple / <i>Acer negundo</i>	Height: 5-10m	Spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
G142 – (6 of 8 Sycamore) / <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Height: 15-20m	Spread: 5-10m	Age class: Early mature

- The applicant has employed Marcus Brooke Tree Services as agent, to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for each item.
- There are two Tree Preservation Orders affecting this site (Bognor No.2), an area Order made in 1958 and TPO/AW/197/10. Having considered the submitted scheme of proposed tree work, I am satisfied that only items T1, T3, T4, T5, T6, T9 & T10 enjoy statutory protection. Consent from the local planning authority is not required for any work proposed for the other items listed.
- T225 - Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location. The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- G142 - The work proposed clearly seeks to improve conditions within the applicant's garden and with respect for natural tree form.

Conclusions:

- T225 - If the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time then the tree should be able to remain a long-term visually interesting feature in the street-scene.
- G142 - The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to strike a balance between the trees influence and potential impact on surrounding residential property and the need to retain them with dignity by having respect for natural form.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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) T225 - 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 interests of the trees 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

Mark Warwick
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