

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: AW/169/15/T

LOCATION: 3 Wychwood Close
Aldwick

PROPOSAL: Fell 2No. Plum trees, remove two limbs overhanging highway by 2.5m to 1No. Red Oak, Lop 1No. Maple by 1m to unmask street light, crown lift growth over highway to a head clearance height of 2.5m & reduce east growth by 1.5m to balance canopy to 1No. Flowering Cherry. Prune back 1No. Yew Tree over entrance drive & over highway by 1m

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	N/A.
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	The trees the subject of this application and various trees nearby.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	Various locations - all open verges, in some cases adjacent to boundaries to existing houses.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Various sites. All on grassed verges.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Within the Craigweil House Conservation Area. Private residential estate comprising detached properties of various styles and designs.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

AW/47/90/T	Lop and Top Ash Tree (Kingsway), Top 2 Horse Chestnut Trees (Queensway), Lop and Top one Beech Tree and one Lime Tree and fell one Oak Tree (The Drive).	ApproveConditionally 14-05-1990
AW/7/91/T	Fell 2 Cherry, 1 Apple and 4 May trees. Lop/thin and reshape 33 other trees	ApproveConditionally 04-03-1991
AW/311/12/T	Fell 2 No Oak trees, fell 2 No Leylandi trees, fell 2 No Cherry trees, fell 2 No Hawthorn trees, fell 1 No Malus tree, fell 1 No Robinia tree, prune back growth over road by 2m to 1 No Acer tree, lift crown by 2.5 m to 1 No Lime tree and remove 2.5-3m tip growth to 1 No Macrocarpa tree	ApproveConditionally 12-03-2013

None.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Aldwick Parish Council

Aldwick Parish Council - "NO OBJECTION. Members agreed that the Arun Arboriculturist should be consulted regarding the application and that his recommendations/decision be applied."

Comments on Representations received:

Noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Conservation Officer

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

ADC Arboriculturist - No objection subject to conditions: "The trees cited in this application are located within a conservation area. The trees are not subject to TPO orders.

* For G1, the applicant has applied to fell both individuals. From the site inspection, it is clear both individuals listed in G1 are in the retrenchment stages of the lifecycles, as both specimens have less than a 20% dynamic mass;

* For T2, the applicant has applied to reduce the two lowest limbs spanning towards the highway by 2.5 meters. From the site inspection, the reduction of the two lowest limbs by 2.5 meters is likely to prevent interference with vehicles using of the highway outside;

* For T3, the applicant has applied to reduce the lateral spread by 1 meter to give a clearance from the onsite lamppost. This action has clearly been designed to allow full illumination from the onsite lamppost;

* For T4, the applicant has applied to crown lift T4 over the highway by 2.5 meters. The applicant has also applied to reduce the eastern spread by 1.5 meters. From the site inspection, it is clear that the crown lift over the highway (to the south) is designed to prevent interference with vehicles using the highway outside; and

* For T5, the applicant has applied to reduce the lateral growth to southern and western aspect of T5 by 1 meter. This action has clearly been designed to allow unhindered access to the neighbouring driveway and the highway outside."

Conservation Area Advisory Committee - "No comment. Refer to Tree Officer for advice".

Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted

POLICY CONTEXT

Designations applicable to site:

Built Up Area Boundary;

Conservation Area; and

Tree Preservation Order.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun District Local Plan 2003:](#)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The six trees the subject of this application are sited within the residential estate on Wychwood Close and on Kingsway.

The works have been assessed by the Council's Tree Officer (see section above) and no objections have been raised to either the felling or the surgery works. It is therefore recommended that permission be granted subject to the following standard conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

1 The works hereby approved shall comprise of the following:

- G1 - Fell both trees;
- T2 - Reduce the two lowest limbs spanning towards the highway by 2.5 metres;
- T3 - Reduce the lateral spread by 1 metre to give a clearance from the onsite lamppost;
- T4 - (a) Crown lift over the highway by 2.5 metres, and (b) Reduce the eastern spread by 1.5 metres; and
- T5 - Reduce the lateral growth to the southern & western aspects by 1 metre.

The works to T2-T5 shall also be in accordance with the following:

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

Crown Clean

The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight'

and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

Crown Lift

Branches found within the clearance height having diameters greater than 100mm should be shortened and no more than 15% of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed to facilitate the unobstructed free passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

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

- 2 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

- 3 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

- 4 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

- 5 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.