

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/16/17/T

Location: 81a The Fairway, Aldwick Bay

Description of works: Crown lift 1 No Pine by 3.5m plus 3m height reduction & 2m spread reduction to 1 No Silver Birch

Reasons Given: Sound arboricultural maintenance

Comments:

Corsican Pine *Pinus nigra 'Maritima'* Height: 8m Avge Spread: 4m Age: Young

- This tree is a sound and healthy specimen with significant growth potential.

Silver Birch *Betula pendula* Height: 8m Avge Spread: 4m Age: Semi-mature

- A tree that has been heavily pruned in the past and suffered as a result in terms of shape and form.

Conclusions:

Corsican Pine

- I can see why the applicant wishes to crown lift this tree as the low branches rest on the adjacent garage roof and this will result in damage to same over time.

Silver Birch

- The request to take 3m off the top and also 2m off the sides is excessive and contrary to BS3998 recommendations and would in my view undermine its visual amenity value.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** to crown lift the Corsican Pine.
- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the 3m height reduction and 2m spread reduction on this tree and suggest they re-apply for the following:-

Reduce crown height by a maximum of 2m and reduce the lateral branch spread by a maximum of 1m.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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
- 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.

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*



Consultant Arboriculturist