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Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: **AW/178/19/T**

Location: **106 Barrack Lane, Aldwick PO21 4EA**

Description of works: **Reduce crowns of 2 No. Oak trees by 1m & reduce crown of 1 No. Field Maple tree by 1m**

Reasons Given: To increase light to property

Comments on Application:

T1, T2 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Average height: 9m	Average spread: 4m	Age class: Early mature
T3 Field maple / <i>Acer campestre</i>	Approx. height: 5m	Average spread: 2m	Age class: Semi mature

- Outwardly and from a distance these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state but with heavily modified or suppressed form.
- They grow to the front of the property effectively on roadside verge and are prominent. They are highly visible from the public highway (road, footway and commercial premises).
- T1 and T2 have been the subject of past crown modifications resulting in relatively small and compact limb/branch framework. This work was most recently undertaken late 2015/early 2016.
- T3 is a low quality specimen, having been suppressed by companion trees.

Conclusions:

- T1 and T2 - Cyclical crown reduction work throughout the remaining life-span of these trees will be necessary to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for their location.
- T1 and T2 - There is insufficient extension of new growth (1-1.5m) since the last major pruning operation (c2015/16); so that repeat crown reduction at this time (or within the next 18months) would be too early in the management cycle and likely have a negative effect on their long-term vitality.
- While T1 and T2 undoubtedly cast some shade over the property for part of the day this has not been established as excessive so as to be a blight on the same.
- T3 - Field maple is not the subject of any Order (TPO) nor does it reside within Conservation Area, therefore the consent of the local planning authority is not required before undertaking any work to this tree.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

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