

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/186/18/TC**

Location: **Land to North of flats in Bowling Green Close, Aldwick**

Description of works: 2m Crown Reduction and 4m Crown Lift to 1No. Lime within Aldwick Bay Conservation Area

Comments on Application:

Lime, large-leaved *Tilia platyphyllos* Approx. height: 12m Average Spread: 6m Age: Early-mature

- This tree provides visual interest to adjacent residential properties but has limited public visibility. It is growing from a narrow section of verge and is in close proximity to a boundary fenceline. It grows low over carriageway and several gardens. It is beginning to dominate its confined location and possesses high growth potential.
- It has an attractive un-modified crown. Twin-stems from a low crown-break are compressed with no 'natural bracing' of limbs and branches apparent.
- The applicant's written intention is to undertake the work as described above. This does not correlate with the description written on the document (PMAC52) – an administrative error. I have amended the description in this report to reflect the applicant's written intentions and assume this Notice (s.211) can be determined from the same.
- Outwardly and from a distance this tree appears to be in good health and stable.

Conclusions:

- Despite its size and apparent good health, this tree will outgrow its location as it enters a mature phase. Some form of containment pruning will probably become desirable for this reason alone, notwithstanding the developing structural weakness at main stem unions. It is therefore unlikely to make a significant long-term contribution to the character of the surrounding area.
- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.

Recommendations:

- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a TPO in this instance.

Mark Warwick

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