

Planning Officer: Charlotte Burrows

Planning Application Ref: AW/191/18/T

Location: 23 The Oaks, Aldwick, PO21 3AE

Description of works: 2m Crown Reduction to 1No. English Oak & 3m Crown Reduction to Northern aspect

Reason Given: To reduce adjacent property overhang and achieve a balanced crown profile

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: Approx.22m	Spread: Approx.10m	Age: Late-mature
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- This is a prominent tree locally, being highly visible from surrounding properties and publicly accessible road /footway network. It dominates the skyline of adjacent property having been incorporated within relatively recent development to the east.
- It appears to be in a moderate physiological state and has good form, despite recently aborted limb reduction work on its southern aspect. Moderate density in the upper crown is typical of early retrenchment often associated with aged specimens of this type.

Conclusion:

- The extent of crown reduction work proposed is proportionate and if undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time will leave the tree in a balanced state and should not diminish its landscape value.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied To Approved Work:-

- The proposed work should only be undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods.
- 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 tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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