

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: AW/195/19/TC

Location: 12 Kingsway, Aldwick, PO21 4DQ

Description of works: Prune 1no. cedar tree by 1.5 - 2m on west aspect within the Craigweil House, Aldwick conservation area

Comments on Application:

Himalayan cedar / *Cedrus deodara* Approx. height: 16m Average spread: 6m Age class: Mature

- I visited this location on 16th July 2019, to determine the aforementioned Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice.
- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile. Crown density is only moderate.
- It is a long-established tree, located within the expansive rear garden of the property and at a distance harmonious with built structures. It has significant presence when viewed from its western aspect, by virtue of its size and evergreen foliage. It is visible from neighbouring properties and to traffic on the main estate access (footway and carriageway). As such, it has public amenity value and makes a significant contribution to the character of the area.
- The applicant is seeking to reduce the lateral spread of the tree on one aspect by approximately a third.
- The vast majority of needle-bearing branches are found on the crown periphery, a typical characteristic of this tree type. As such, the reduction of individual limbs and branches should only ever be slight, if undertaken at all. Cedar trees are not considered to be tolerant of hard pruning.

Conclusions:

- This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression. There is no obvious justification for the work on arboricultural grounds.
- I believe that the work proposed will irrevocably spoil the crown profile to the extent its landscape value and visual amenity will be permanently diminished. Furthermore, I expect the work would have a harmful effect on its ongoing health and vitality, at a time when it appears to be under physiological stress.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application and that we make an Order to preserve this tree in the landscape and better control its future management.
- The appropriate TEMPO form and GIS plan to assist you in making the Order can be found at this location: [N:_EveryoneFolders\Mark Warwick\Aldwick.Kingsway.12](N:_EveryoneFolders\Mark Warwick\Aldwick.Kingsway.12)

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