

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin
Planning Application Ref: AW/199/20/T
Location: 47 Craigweil Lane, Aldwick, PO21 4AN
Description of works: Various works to various trees
Reasons given: Health and safety

Comments on Application:

T1 Horse chestnut / <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Height: 10-15m	Spread: 0-5m	Age class: Semi mature
T2 Lime / <i>Tilia sp.</i>	Height: 15-20m	Spread: 5-10m	Age class: Early mature
T3 Lime / <i>Tilia sp.</i>	Height: 15-20m	Spread: 5-10m	Age class: Early mature
T4 Lime / <i>Tilia sp.</i>	Height: 10-15m	Spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature
T5 Cedar, blue Atlas / <i>Cedrus atlantica</i> Glauca	Height: 10-15m	Spread: 0-5m	Age class: Semi mature

- The applicant has employed Beechdown Arboriculture Ltd as agent, to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for each item.
- All those trees grow at the front of the property and to varying degree can be seen by traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, they have public amenity value. The area is characterised by established trees growing on wide grass verges and across open front gardens. The density of stock is particularly high at the front of this and neighbouring properties.

Conclusions:

- The most visually significant element of these proposals is necessary to mitigate risk of damage to persons and property. All work items have been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- While the decline and subsequent removal of a large tree (T4) is unfortunate, there remains enough density of tree stock nearby that should flourish with less competition and which is in greater harmony with nearby dwellings and highway. I do not consider it necessary to pursue a replacement tree at this location.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Part a) 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
- Part b) 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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

