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Hi Zac

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/19/18/T

Location: Manor Barn, 227 Manor Way, Aldwick

Description of works: Crown Reduction of 1No. Holm Oak by 2m

Reasons Given: Excessive shading and encroachment onto neighbouring property

Comments On Application:

- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state with a full and healthy crown. It has been the subject of several crown modifications resulting in a dense, compact form.
- The reasons proposed for the work are not sufficient of themselves, to justify the operation now proposed. That said, this is a tree which has undergone such intense 'containment pruning' during its relatively short life so far, that repeat work will become necessary throughout its lifespan to ensure it remains in a structural condition appropriate for its location.
- This tree is visible from neighbouring property and achieves limited visibility from the main estate access road.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard, then repeat crown reduction at this time is unlikely to have a negative effect on its long-term vitality.
- This tree has the potential to develop a heavy and congested limb/branch framework if allowed to grow unchecked, such that it may suffer partial failure of the same, long before it reached full maturity.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendations:

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

Condition - The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

Reason - In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery, in the interests of tree health and long-term vitality.

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