

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

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TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/207/14/T

ADDRESS: 5 Little Babbsham, Aldwick, PO21 3SZ

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce crowns of 34 No. Beech trees to 3.75m and reduced spread by 0.7 metres.

INSPECTION DATE: 18/08/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐No Objection ☒Suggested Conditions ☒Comment ☐Recommendation ☒Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐Dead/Dangerous ☐CA & Amenity Value ☐

Survey:

Species: 34 x Beech *Fagus spp* **Height:** 5 meters **Average Crown Spread:** 2 meters **Crown Condition:** good **Form:** good **Age Class:** maturing

Comments:

- Outlined tree lies in the parish of Aldwick, high amenity landscape with young, semi mature, mature, and over mature trees specimens present.
- It is quite evident from a visual tree inspection, that these are maturing beech pollards that have been kept in a constant cycle of pruning.
- This is resulted in sizable main stems, with small diameter regrowth from the top and sides of the given stems (beech are a little trickier to keep in this format, as they do not respond to a heavily pruning as say a willow, poplar.)
- These outlined trees appear to be responding to the historic pollarding operations well, and are showing plenty signs of vigour and longevity. It should be noted that if this cycle is kept to, the lifecycle of these individuals should be increased in time. According to section 7.10 of the British Standards 3998:2005 '**Once initiated, a pollard should be maintained by cutting new branches on a cyclical basis**'

Recommendation:

I would therefore like to recommend that this operation should be allowed to take place, as it recognised as the best industry practise for this particular scenario of established pruning

Planning Conditions:

Crown Reduction

The Crown Reduction should not exceed the removal of single branch lengths which are greater than **1m** from the periphery of the original crown diameter. The branch removals should leave healthy substantial leaf bearing side branches. All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3rd** in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **100mm** in diameter.

REASON

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CONDITION (BS3998 (2010) Section 7.10) Re-Pollarding

The pollarding cut should be made above a height to retain existing foliage/budding growth. The individual pollard branch must be shortened above a suitable lateral branch or by retaining a 300-600mm length live stub. The final pruning cut must be clean, smooth and perpendicular to the direction of the pollard branch.

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