

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: AW/217/18/T

Location: 52 The Drive, Aldwick PO21 4DT

Description of works: Lateral clearance from windows & gutter & approximately 1.5m clearance from roof pitch to 1 No. lime tree, crown lift 6m above garden to boundary wall to 1 No. lime tree & building clearance 1m to 1 No. Norway maple tree.

Reasons Given: i) To prevent direct (superficial) damage to built structure ii) To reduce shading over and into property

Comments on Application:

T1 & T2 Lime	<i>Tilia sp.</i>	Height: 15-20m	Average spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
T3 Norway maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	Height: 10-15m	Average spread: 5-10m	Age: Early-mature

- All three trees are under 3rd party ownership, growing within the grounds of 52 The Drive. Dimensions and age class are broadly estimated as close inspection was not achieved or necessary on this occasion. They were inspected from within the confines of footpath immediately west of aforementioned property and rear garden of 32/34 The Drive.
- All trees appear to be healthy and stable with attractive crown profile and of obvious visual interest and some public amenity value. Their individual value is elevated by virtue of group cohesion.
- For clarification, the boundary wall as described is that which abuts the applicant's property (32) and along the west side of the footpath.
- For clarification and to distinguish it from neighbouring trees of similar/same type; I describe the Norway maple (T3) as follows: *A fringe tree of asymmetric form, true species type (green foliage), 2 dominant stems, crossing branch at 4m height and 50cm above an irregular partially occluded wound of 100mm diameter, west side.*
- Small branches of less than 25mm diameter are touching the roof of adjacent building and if left to establish further may well cause some damage.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to preserve the integrity of built structure and maintain reasonable enjoyment of the property, with respect for natural tree form.
- This work if undertaken to a high standard will not incur a significant loss of amenity value to the surrounding area.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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
- 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.

- The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team