ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL **Date:** 01/09/2015

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd **TO:** Richard Temple

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/219/15/T

ADDRESS: 14 Gossamer Lane Aldwick PO21 3AY

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce canopy spread of 1no. Oak by 4m, reduce canopy spread of 1No. Oak by 3m and fell 1 No. Larch tree.

INSPECTION DATE: 01/09/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection	x	No Objection		Split Decision	
Comment	x	Recommendation	x	Suggested Conditions	x
Tree Replacement		**Dead/Dangerous**		CA & Amenity Value	

T1 Species: Oak *Quercus spp* **Height:** 13 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 7.5 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

T2 Species: Oak *Quercus spp* **Height:** 11 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 5 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

T3 Species: Larch *Larix spp* **Height:** 13 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 2.5 meters **Crown Condition:** fair to poor **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

Comments:

- The trees cited in this application are located in the front garden of 14 Gossamer Lane.

- For **T1**, the applicant has applied to reduce the crown by 4 meters. From the site inspection it is clear that the lowest branches are elongated, and are likely to become overbearing. A reduction to the lower branches is likely to reduce the chance of failure occurring. The applicants request to reduce the crown by 4 meters.

- For **T2**, the applicant has applied to reduce the crown by 3 meters. From the site inspection it is clear that **T2** has an irregular open crown. The applicants request to reduce by 3 meters is excessive.

- For **T3**, the applicant has applied to fell to ground level. **T3** was assessed for a TPO order, and was found not to have the attributes to warrant a TPO order.

Recommendation:

- **I would object to the proposed reductions to T1 – T2 as they are excessive, and is likely to have negative impact on the atheistical value and longevity of both T1 – T2. In my opinion a smaller reduction would be more suitable.**

- **I would however have no objection to the following reductions;**

    - **For T1, a reduction of no more than 3 meters to the single lowest east spanning limb, a reduction of no more than 3 meters to the 2 lowest south spanning limb, and no more than a 3 meters reductions to the two western spanning limbs.**

    - **For T2, a reduction of no more than 1.5 meters to the whole eastern spread, and a reduction of no more than 2.5 meters to the western spread.**

- **I would have no objection to the felling T3, does not have the attributes to warrant a TPO order. I would have no objection to the felling of T3.**

Conditions:

Crown Reduction
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: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Crown Clean
The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight' and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

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Tree Officer