

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/21/15/TC

ADDRESS: 72 The Fairway Aldwick Bay Estate PO21 4HE

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce 18 No. Lombardy Poplar trees back to previous pruning points (approximately 6m) & reduce crown of 1 No. Silver Birch tree by 1.5m within the Aldwick

INSPECTION DATE: 03/03/2015 and 02/04/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Suggested Conditions ☐

Tree Replacement ☐ **Dead/Dangerous** ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

T1 – T18 Species: Lombardy poplar x 18 **Height:** 14 meters (average) **Average Branch Spread:** 2.5 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** semi mature

T19 Species: Birch *betula spp* **Height:** 12 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 3 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** early mature

Comments:

- The outlined trees lie within the Aldwick Bay estate, which is a high amenity landscape with young, semi mature, mature, and over mature trees specimens present.
- The trees cited in this application are located in the rear garden of 72 the fairway. The majority of the Lombardy poplars are actually situated in a linear belt abutting the south western boundary, continuing around to the northern boundary. The silver birch is then located on the end of the belt of poplars, on the northern boundary.
- The trees cited in this application have no active TPO order; however they are situated within the Aldwick bay conservation area.
- Unfortunately I was unable to gain access to the back garden as the residents have been away on my visits to the site. I was able to view the highlighted trees from a neighbour's front garden.

- The applicant has requested to reduce the poplar trees back to established pruning points. This would equate to the removal of 6 meters extensional growth. According to the BS 3998 section 7.7.3, *'follow-up work after crown reduction to maintain the reduced crown as a framework for cyclic management, whereby the new branches are periodically cut back close to their points of origin'*. This does mean the recommended management for these trees would be to adhere to the regime of pruning that has already been initiated.
- The birch tree (**T19**), did not appear to have had any reduction/s completed. The reduction requested by the applicant is unlikely to have a negative impact on the aesthetic value and/or the longevity offered by this individual.

Recommendation:

- As the proposed operations to **T1 – T18** are likely to increase the relative retention span/s, I would therefore have no objection to the cited operations.
- As the proposed operation to **T19** is unlikely to have a negative impact on the aesthetic/longevity of this tree, I would therefore have no objection to the cited operation.

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