

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: AW/220/18/T

Location: Claerwen, 41 Kingsway, Aldwick, PO21 4DH

Description of works: Reduce protruding leader back by 3-4m to 1 No. Ash tree & tip back 5 to 6 of major laterals on north east side of tree by 2.5-3m to 1 No. Horse Chestnut tree.

Reasons Given: Reduce risk of limb/branch failure.

Comments on Application:

Front garden

Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Height: Approx.12m	Average spread: 7m	Age class: Mature
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Rear garden

Horse chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Height: Approx.16m	Average spread: 8m	Age class: Mature
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- Both trees appear to be in a fair physiological state.
- The ash tree has the appearance of having been pollarded at approximately 5m height. It has multiple ascending scaffold limbs, one of which is prominent tending north-east towards the dwelling – and it is this limb I have assumed to be the subject of this application. There is a large wound low on the main stem, a legacy of past stem removal. It is both visible from neighbouring property and the main estate access road.
- Boundary overhang affecting number 39 is negligible.
- The horse chestnut grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from many neighbouring dwellings but only with difficulty from publicly accessible land. It appears to be in a fine physiological state, especially so for its type and age. It has a full and relatively unmodified crown with established low limbs and branches. Boundary overhang affecting 43 is notable but not obviously problematic.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require permission.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is reasonable and if undertaken to a high standard will not incur a noteworthy loss of amenity value to the surrounding area.

Recommendations:

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

Condition To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.

- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

