

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/225/18/T**

Location: **23 Grange Court, Aldwick PO21 4XR**

Description of works: **Crown Reduction to 1No.Oak tree by 2 Metres to previous pruning points.**

Reasons Given: None given

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak *Quercus robur* Height: Approx. 12m Average Spread: 5m Age: Early-mature

- I was able to undertake a partial assessment of the tree; viewed from just inside the rear garden. Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings and to a lesser extent from public highway.
- It has an attractive but compact crown profile, having previously been the subject of heavy crown reduction pruning at around 9metres height.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works granted consent by the Local Planning Authority.
- If done sympathetically and at an appropriate time of year this work ought not to have a detrimental effect on the tree's ongoing vitality.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- 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 tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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