

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner
Planning Application Ref: **AW/229/19/T**
Location: **1 West Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4LZ**
Description of works: **Reduce 2 branches on southerly aspect of 1no. red oak tree by 2m**
Reasons Given: Suppressing uniform development of adjacent pine tree
Comments on Application:

Red oak / *Quercus rubra* Approx. height: 15m Average spread: 5m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile.
- It grows at the front of the property and is visible from adjacent properties. It can also be seen by traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, it has public amenity value.
- Lateral branches are beginning to impede the growth of a roadside Scots pine, a tree of superior quality and high amenity value.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The tree work proposed in the application is justified on arboricultural grounds.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

