

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: AW/231/18/T

Location: Flat 3 – Mariners, 56 Aldwick Avenue, Aldwick PO21 3FJ

Description of works: 2m Crown Reduction to 1No. Oak , 3No. Maple and 1No. Red Maple trees. 1.5m Crown Reduction to 2No. Silver Birch

Reasons Given: 1. Excessive shading of dwelling 2. Improve appearance

Comments on Application:

- These trees appear to be outwardly healthy (silver birch T2 being an exception) and have undergone past crown reduction. Only the oak and one maple (T3) on the southern boundary could be considered of high value at this time.
- The majority grow alongside the plot perimeter and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings and public highway.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the trees long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The proposal to reduce their overall height and spread with a view to restricting growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Work: -

- 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.
- The long-term vitality of these trees is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods. The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

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

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