

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

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TO: David Eastern

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/238/14/T

ADDRESS: 7 Hornbeam Close Aldwick PO21 4AH

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduction of 4 No Chestnut trees to previous pruning & pollarding points

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☒

Suggested Conditions ☐

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☐

Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Comments:

- Trees are situated within the Aldwick conservation area. The surrounding landscape has a rich diversity of varying species and age classes.
- The target trees are not really visible from the public highway, and therefore only have an effect on their immediate landscape.
- The application has requested a reduction/pollard back to previous points. As stated on this application, this activity has already been completed historically. It would therefore be in the interest of the trees longevity to repeat this cycle.
- Once a tree has been reduced, it is important that the regrowth is not allowed to reach an incremental size where failures at the pollarded unions have an increased chance of occurring (according to the BS 3998).

Recommendation:

- **It would therefore be my recommendation to allow activity of reductions/pollarding to take place, if the following planning conditions are met:**

Planning Conditions:

Crown Reduction

The Crown Reduction should not exceed the removal of single branch lengths which are greater than **1m** from the periphery of the original crown diameter. The branch removals should leave healthy substantial leaf bearing side branches. All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3rd** in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **100mm** in diameter.

REASON

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CONDITION (BS3998 (2010) Section 7.10) Re-Pollarding

The pollarding cut should be made above a height to retain existing foliage/budding growth. The individual pollard branch must be shortened above a suitable lateral branch or by retaining a 300-600mm length live stub. The final pruning cut must be clean, smooth and perpendicular to the direction of the pollard branch.

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