

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

FROM: Ian Brewster TO: Katherine Rawlins

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/23/13/T

ADDRESS: 9 Chawkmare Coppice Aldwick PO21 3BU

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Fell 1 no. Beech tree and reduce tops of 2no. Beech trees by 4 metres

INSPECTION DATE: 13th March 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Suggested Conditions ☒Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐**Comments:**

I met with the tree owner and inspected the trees within the rear garden of the property. They grow in a line possibly to provide screening. They have since outgrown this function. The larger Beech lost its 'leader' either naturally or as the owner has said 'being cut' many years ago (I estimate 10 years). This has caused pronounced lateral branch growth where the lateral branch growing towards the house northwards has distorted possibly by gnawing squirrels. There is damage of gnawing near to the lost leader. The smaller trees have been directly competing for light, where branches have been 'drawn up' to become 'whippy'. Removing the larger Beech and reducing the remainder smaller main stem diameter trees should allow for a better stand of balanced crown growth as individual rather than coalesced groups of Beech.

Recommendation:

The applicant seeks to fell the larger tree and reduce the two trees in the line further to the north by 4m. This would appear in the long term a sensible suggestion and should be granted consent.

Suggested Conditions:

The tree pruning work should be carried out in accordance with BS3998 (2010) and target pruning cuts. The final cuts should not exceed 4m length top growth removal, to leave healthy bud bearing side branch growth with no stubs. Wound sizes should not exceed 100mm diameter.

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