

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (

REF NO: **AW/244/15/T**

LOCATION: 19 The Fairway
 Aldwick Bay Estate
 Aldwick

PROPOSAL: Reduce 1No. Poplar by 4.5 metres

SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above
SITE AREA	1370m2.
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	Various mature trees including the Poplar tree under consideration in this application.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	2m high wall.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Large, two storey detached house with thatched roof and white render to ground floor and timber cladding to upper floors. The property has an existing single storey side garage also with thatched false hip with felt flat roof behind attached to the neighbouring garage of number 20 The Fairway. There is a driveway to front and front garden. The dwelling is designated as a Building of Special Character.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	The area is characterised by two storey detached properties largely of a similar appearance and size of number 20. The properties are set back from the road with mature vegetation to front and driveways and garages. The area is an attractive, private, suburban residential estate bounding the seafront and is a conservation area.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

AW/79/03/T	Lopping of Poplar Tree.	ApproveConditionally 02-05-2003
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AW/79/03/T approved previous lopping works to the Poplar tree.

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

report

Aldwick Parish Council

No objection.

Comments on Representations received:

Comments noted.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

CAAC- No objection.

ARBORIST

Comments:

- The poplar tree cited in this application is located in the rear garden of 19 The Fairway, Aldwick.
- For T1, the applicant has request to reduce to the established pruning points. This would equate to a reduction of no more than 4.5 meters of regrowth to the previous points. According to the BS 3998 section 7.7.3, 'follow-up work after crown reduction to maintain the reduced crown as a framework for cyclic management, whereby the new branches are periodically cut back close to their points of origin'. This does mean adhering to the instigated cycle of pruning is likely to increase the retention span of T1.

Recommendation:

- I would have no objection to the proposed pruning operation of a reduction of no more than 4.5 meters to the established pruning points.
- The following conditions must be adhered to when completing the proposed pruning operations;

Conditions:

Crown Reduction

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

Crown Clean

The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight' and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

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Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted, conditions seem reasonable.

POLICY CONTEXT

Classifications:-

Tree Preservation Order
Conservation Area
Building of Special Character

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

[Arun District Local Plan 2003:](#)

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The Council's Arborist has been consulted on this application and does not object given this is following historic pruning pattern.

As such the proposal is not considered to have a detrimental impact on visual amenity or the health of the tree should conditions be followed.

Application is recommended for conditional approval.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

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- 3 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.
- 4 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.