

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: AW/246/21/T

Location: 18 A'Beckets Avenue, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, PO21 4LX

Description of works: Various works to 1no oak tree

Reasons given: To maintain reasonable extent of canopy over garden and clearance from established ornamental shrubs

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
- Outwardly this tree appeared to be in a fine physiological state and stable. It is visible from surrounding properties and its high canopy can be seen by traffic (pedestrian and vehicle) accessing/exiting this part of the estate.
- It is an important constituent of an established line of oak trees which help define the character of the area and represent a significant public amenity.
- The work as described in more detail on the application form is a true representation of advice given at pre-application meeting.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. This is a long-established high value tree which is to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of private gardens and with respect for natural tree form.
- 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 tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Part a) 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

Part b) 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.

Part c) Where crown reduction pruning has occurred previously (west aspect), then the removal of 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.

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

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

