

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin
Planning Application Ref: **AW/24/21/T**
Location: **Southmead, Canons Close, Aldwick, PO21 4EB**
Description of works: **Fell 1no. oak tree**
Reasons given: Health and safety

Comments on Application:

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

- Outwardly and from distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state (and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary). It has previously been the subject of whole crown reduction pruning from which it appears to have grown-on well. It is visible from surrounding properties and publicly accessible land, as such it has amenity value.
- The work proposed for the reasons given must be evidenced with written arboricultural advice and/or diagnostic information from an appropriate expert (see sect. 4 of the Application Form and p5, para.5 of the Guidance Notes) - [Tree Preservation Orders | Arun District Council](#). The submitted statement described as Tree Survey is neither comprehensive or adequately detailed and omits the author's relevant experience and qualifications in this regard.
- I was unable to access the rear garden of the property when I called at the house, so have been unable to make my own close observation that could have assisted with determination of this application. Nonetheless, the onus is on the applicant or their agent to provide us with the required level of information.

Conclusions:

- The applicant has not submitted any written arboricultural advice or diagnostic information from an appropriate expert in support of the reasons given for the proposed works.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and assumed to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. Its removal would have a detrimental impact on the landscape.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

Mark Warwick
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