

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton
Planning Application Ref: **AW/254/18/T**
Location: **52 Fish Lane Aldwick West Sussex PO21 3AM**
Description of works: **1m Crown Reduction to 1No. Hawthorn**
Reasons Given: Good husbandry

Comments on Application:

T1 Hawthorn Crataegus monogyna Height: Approx. 7m Average spread: 2.5m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance, this tree appears to be healthy and stable with an attractive crown profile.
- It is a relatively small tree locally, but ideally located in the expansive garden of the property. By virtue of its good form, ornamental value and uninhibited growth potential it is a tree of individual merit.
- It occupies a prominent position, being highly visible from the public highway and from neighbouring property; as such, it has public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The tree work proposed in the application has not been justified on arboricultural grounds. *Crown reduction* work would irrevocably spoil its natural looking form and effectively check its growth by virtue of obligating the Local Planning Authority to approve subsequent work on application.
- The tree has potential to become a valuable feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

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

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