

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: AW/254/19/T

Location: 5 Chawkmare Coppice, Aldwick, PO21 3BU

Description of works: Crown reduction of 3m and 7m where the branches overhang 9 Chawkmare Coppice to 1no. beech tree

Reasons Given: Low amenity value

Comments on Application:

Beech / *Fagus sylvatica* Approx. height: 9m Average spread: 5m Age class: Early mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable (view restricted by boundary fence line). It has been the subject of past crown reduction work such that it is unlikely to be able to realise its full potential at this location.
- By virtue of its compact form, this tree will remain discreet between the properties and offers little in the way of visual amenity.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining life-span of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- 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.
- There will be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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
- 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.
- The removal of crown 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.

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