

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: AW/260/19/T

Location: 52 Old Place, Aldwick, PO21 3AX

Description of works: Reduce small shoots below crown break to remove epicormic growth & reduce 3 No branches over property & footpath by 2-3m to 1no. oak tree

Reasons Given: To prevent low branches establishing too close to dwelling

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Approx. height: 16m Average spread: 7m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with an attractive crown profile. It is prominent at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to highway users.
- It is an important constituent of an established group of oak trees which help define the character of the area and represent a significant public amenity.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. This is a tree of significant public and visual amenity and is to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural tree form.
- There will be no loss of amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

- 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.

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

