

Planning Officer : Simon Davies

Planning Application Ref: AW / 266 / 13 / T

Location : Mariners 56 Aldwick Avenue, Aldwick PO21 3JF - Mr Acklan

Description of work:

T2 Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*)

Reduce height and spread of Oak tree by 2m to 3m overall

Reasons Given:

- It is getting too large

I noted that is positioned very close to the building and a balcony and habitable rooms to the east side of the tree thus blocking out a lot of light in the summer months

Recommendation:

NO Objection		Comment	X	Dead & Dangerous	
Object	X	Recommendation	X	Abate a Nuisance	
Conditions Suggested		CA & Amenity Value		Tree Replacement required	

Comments On Application:

T2 Pedunculate Oak Height = 10m Average radial branch spread = 5 to 7m Age = Early Mature

Previously pollarded at 3m from ground level this trees current crown is re-formed from the regrowth. It has been pruned to clear back from the balcony and stubs left from this work which have re-flushed and hence made matters worse because a mass of growth arises from each cut surface. The crown itself comprises 7m (depth) and to reduce 2m to 3m of this would equate to around 40-50% reduction which would be too severe contrary to British Standard 3998 as well as Arun District Local Plan policy GEN 7 and likely to be detrimental to the ongoing health and vitality of this tree exposing numerous large open wounds to the possibility of fungal infection.

Conclusions:

I recommend refusal as the work proposed is contrary to British Standard 3998 as well as Arun District Local Plan policy GEN 7 and likely to be detrimental to the ongoing health and vitality of this tree.

I do sympathise with their situation and recommend that they re-apply for the following works:-

- Reduce and reshape overall by no more than 1m in height and a maximum of 2m in lateral spread – except for the longer laterals to the west and north sides which can be reduced by 3m in length to bring them back in line with the general outline of the pruned crown,



Consultant Arboriculturist

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

