ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL **Date:** 03/11/14

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd **TO:** Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/266/14/T

ADDRESS: 1 Waters Edge Aldwick PO21 4AN

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Repollard to previous pollard points 5 No Poplar trees

INSPECTION DATE: 03/11/14

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection	☐	No Objection	x	Split Decision	☐
Comment	x	Recommendation	x	Suggested Conditions	☐
Tree Replacement	☐	**Dead/Dangerous**	☐	CA & Amenity Value	☐

Species: Popular *Populus spp* **Height:** 14 m **Average Crown Spread:** 3 m **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** early mature

Comments:

- The outlined trees are situated in the high amenity landscape of Aldwick. The surrounding landscape has a rich mix of differing species and age classes. The outlined trees are not visible to the public from the highway/pavement outside.

- From the site visit it is clear that the outlined poplar trees have been 'pollarded' a number of times (this can be determined from the diameter size of the regrowth present vs the incremental size of the stem). The host trees have responded well, and there is little sign of decay/pathogens present in the stems.

- Pollarding requires repeated cycles of pruning to manage the regrowth. This pruning is important as it prevents the regrowth getting too large and therefore increasing the chance of failures occurring at the regrowth unions.

- The outlined trees have clearly been repeatedly pollarded, so therefore best practise would dictate to continue the pruning regime.

Recommendation:

- As the outlined operation is in the interest of the outlined trees **I would have no objection to the proposed operation** of re-pollarding the outlined trees to the previous pruning points.

Conditions:

Condition To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -
Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also 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.

Dafydd Lloyd
Arun District Council
Tree Officer