

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: **AW/266/20/T**

Location: **2 Greyfriars Close, Aldwick, PO21 5RH**

Description of works: **Fell 1No. blue cedar tree**

Reasons given: 1. Outgrown its location 2. Root damage to pavement

Comments on Application:

Cedar, blue Atlas / *Cedrus atlantica* *Glauca* Approx. height: 12m Average spread: 5m Age class: Early mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable. It has multiple upright stems forming a compact crown and free of any obvious structural defect. Despite historic loss/removal of an interior stem and past reduction pruning it presents an attractive crown profile.
- It grows at the front of the property and is prominent within the close. It can also be seen by traffic (pedestrian and vehicle) accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, it has public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- Although already a significant tree and of moderate-high growth potential, it appears to exist in harmony with its surroundings. It is likely to remain so for many more years and any future overbearing or problematic branches need only be carefully pruned (subject to local planning authority approval).
- Root heave to the adjacent public footway is minor, progressive (gradient) and looks to be at a tolerable level. Significant deterioration requiring localised intervention repair is unlikely to cause significant harm to the tree.
- The work proposed has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.

Recommendations:

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

Mark Warwick
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