

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/269/17/T

Location: 22 The Drive, Aldwick

Description of works: Crown reduction of 1 No Sycamore by no more than 1.5m and crown lifting lowest branches with cuts no larger than 100mm.

Reasons Given: To keep growth habit of the tree under control

Comments:

Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height - 14m Avge Spread - 6m Age - Semi-Mature

- A visually significant tree in the landscape that is sound and healthy.
- The crown on the north side is growing into the adjacent Oak which is the better of the two trees and the one for long term in the landscape.

Conclusions:

- Crown reduction by a maximum of 1.5m would be acceptable as this would provide plenty to cut back to without leaving stubs and stumps.
- Crown lifting to 3m above ground and leaving any branch that grows through this zone of over 100mm diameter intact is also acceptable.
- Neither of the above pruning operations will adversely affect this trees visual appearance in the landscape.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** of this application as follows:-
 1. Crown reduce in height and lateral spread overall by no more than 1.5m with all final cuts being made in accordance with BS3998 recommendations.
 2. Crown lift to a height of 3m above ground with all branches of less than 100mm diameter being removed or shortened back to a living growth point.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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.

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.*



Consultant Arboriculturist