

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/273/17/T**

Location: verge of **79 The Fairway, Aldwick Bay & The Twitten off Regis Avenue, Aldwick**

Description of works: Reduce Eucalyptus by 1m to 2m to previous pruning points and remove epicormic growth from trunk and main branchwork.

Reduce 5 x Lombardy Poplars by 2m to 3m to previous pruning points.

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

Comments:

Gum Tree *Eucalyptus spp.* Height - 12m Avge Spread - 5m Age - Semi-Mature

- A visually highly significant tree in the landscape that is sound and healthy.
- This tree has been reduced and reshaped in the past.
- Covered in epicormics and dense regrowth from previous pruning operation.

5 x Lombardy Poplars *Populus nigra 'Italica'* Height - 15m Avge Spread – 2.5m Age - Early-Mature

- Highly visible and prominent trees in the landscape that are healthy and vigorous.
- Previously topped out at around 10m and this would be a repeat of that exercise.

Conclusions:

Gum Tree - Reduction by 1.5m overall to previous pruning points and removal of all epicormic growth has been requested and this is reasonable and acceptable.

5 x Lombardy Poplars - Reduction down to previous pruning points has been requested which is reasonable and acceptable.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** of this application as follows:-

Gum Tree - Reduce in height and lateral spread down to the level of the previous pruning cuts and no lower with a maximum branch diameter of 75mm being removed + remove all epicormic shoots from the trunk and main branches.

(5) Lombardy Poplars - Reduce in height down to the level of the previous pruning cuts and no lower with a maximum stem diameter of 150mm being removed.

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