

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: AW/27/19/T

Location: 7 Larchfield Close, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, PO21 4RB

Description of works: Crown reduction on side branches of 2-3m and crown lift of 3m on all aspects to 1 no. English oak tree

Reasons given: 1. Concern over long-term influence on property 2. Excessive shading

Comments on Application:

T74 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: Approx. 12m Average spread: 5m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable. It has previously been the subject of crown reduction work although has 'grown on' well and presents an attractive crown profile.
- It grows at the rear of the property but by virtue of its size can be seen from numerous dwellings and clearly from publicly accessible land.
- It is an important constituent of an established long line of trees which help define the character of the area and represent a significant public amenity.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain reasonable enjoyment of the garden and with some respect for natural tree form.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.*

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

