

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/282/18/T**

Location: **26 Greyfriars Close, Aldwick, BN18 0JY**

Description of works: **Height reduction by 1.5m & a lateral canopy reduction of 2m to 1No. Oak tree.**

Reasons Given: Cyclical crown reduction to maintain tree at dimensions appropriate for location

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur*

Height: Approx.14m

Average spread: 6m

Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It has been the subject of past (c2010) crown reduction and has grown-on well, presenting an attractive crown profile.
- It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings but has only partially visible from public highway.
- The work proposed is essentially a repeat of the last crown reduction work.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural tree form.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.
- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the late spring-summer (June to August) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods. The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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