

Planning Officer : Easton

Planning Application Ref: AW / 284 / 13 / T

Location : Various Locations in Kingsway, Craigweil Estate PO21 4DH - Mr R Lock

Description of work:

T1 **Lime (*Tilia europaea*)** – (o/s 24) – lightly crown lift canopy to 2m

T2 **White Poplar (*Populus alba*)** – (o/s 23) – remove the three lowest limbs of 20 to 25cm diameter + sucker growth

T3 **Wingnut (*Pterocarya fraxinifolia*)** – (o/s 35) – reduce and reshape by 2m to 2.5m overall

T5 **Golden Leylandii (*Cupressocyparis*)** – (at 57) – fell to ground level

Reasons Given:

T1 – causing obstruction of view and considered to be a traffic hazard

T2 – limbs are very low and growing into householders hedge causing shading and nuisance

T3 – causing problems due to size

T5 – growing over footpath and causing an unsightly obstruction

Recommendation:

NO Objection	X	Comment	X	Dead & Dangerous	
Object	X	Recommendation	X	Abate a Nuisance	
Conditions Suggested	X	CA & Amenity Value		Tree Replacement required	NO

Comments On Application:

T5 – Golden Leylandii Height = 4.5 Average radial branch spread = 2m Age = Young

The problem of footpath overhang could be dealt with by pruning but I have no real issue with the removal of this conifer as the gap in the hedge will soon be closed by the growth of the Yew and Laurel which are better plants for the future – no replacement tree is required in this instance.

T3 – Caucasian Wingnut Height = 6m Avge radial branch spread = 4m Age = Semi-mature

This tree has been reduced and reshaped by around 1m in the past and grown out again to present dimensions. Reduction by 2m to 2.5m would equate to a 45-50% reduction of the crown area and be contrary to BS3998 and likely to be detrimental to the ongoing health and vitality of this tree. I would not however object to a lesser reduction by 1m overall repeating the previous pruning operation.

T1 – Lime Height = 5m Average radial branch spread = 3m Age = Young

Provided that this tree is pruned to provide a balanced crown raising and ground clearance of 2m all around the canopy I would have no objection – although the effect is one of a 'vase' shape with upswept structural limbs from low down so the crown lift should retain this character by removing only those branches of 40mm diameter or less.

T2 – White Poplar Height = 13m Average radial branch spread = 5m Age = Early Mature

I would raise no objection to the removal of the three lowest limbs and suckers from the trunk of this tree.

Conclusions:

T5 – Golden Leylandii - no objection + no replacement tree required

T3 – Caucasian Wingnut – recommend refusal as the work proposed is contrary to British Standard 3998 as well as Arun District Local Plan policy GEN 7 and likely to be detrimental to the ongoing health and vitality of this tree. Suggest that if they re-applied for a “1m crown reduction and reshaping exercise” it would receive support and approval.

T1 – Lime -

Condition: Crown Lift

The lower crown of this tree is to be pruned to achieve a 2m ground clearance in a balanced manner all around the lower canopy. **All branches of above 40mm diameter MUST be retained** but anything of a lesser diameter can be removed making all final cuts in accordance with Figure 2 of British Standard 3998.

Reason: ‘In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of retaining good health and amenity in accordance with British Standard 3998 and policy GEN 7 of the Arun District Local Plan.’

T2 – White Poplar

Condition: Crown Lift

The sucker growth on the trunk may be removed.

The lowest three branches (not exceeding 200mm diameter) may also be removed in a sectional fashion such that the weight is taken out of these branches first and no splits and tears occur back towards the trunk where the final cuts will be made. All final cuts are to be made in accordance with Figure 2 of British Standard 3998.



Consultant Arboriculturist

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

