

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: AW/285/17/T

Location : Verge of 50-52 Fish Lane & Chawkmare Coppice, Aldwick

Description of works: Various surgery to 2 No Pines and 1 No Horse Chestnut.

Applicants Reasons Good husbandry and safety issues

Comments On Application:

T2 Monterey Pine *Pinus radiata* Height: 25m AvgeSprd: 8m Age: Mature

- Situated in the grass verge and directly overhangs a busy main road.
- Has been high crown lifted in the past in a very strange way to leave just two low branches and then a huge gap to the small tufty area of main crown.

T11 Horse Chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum* Height: 10m AvgeSprd: 6m Age: Semi-Mature

- A young tree positioned to the back of the grass verge such that there is a degree of overhang of the neighbours garden and hedge.

T4 Monterey Pine *Pinus radiata* Height: 25m AvgeSprd: 8m Age: Mature

- In this instance the removal of three lowest branches from the north side would leave this tree very unbalanced so this is not a good policy as it affects the trees visual amenity value in the landscape.

Conclusions:

T2 Monterey Pine There is no great risk of failure as these two lower branches have been reduced before but I do not see a reason to refuse consent given the strange form of this tree and low amenity value.

T11 Horse Chestnut The removal of the two lowest limbs from the north side will leave the tree slightly unbalanced in its lower crown appearance but not enough that this would be a reason to refuse.

T4 Monterey Pine The removal of three lowest branches from the north side would leave this tree very unbalanced so this is not a good policy as it affects the trees visual amenity value in the landscape.

Recommendations:

- I recommend a split decision on this application as follows:-
- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the works as listed to the Pine T2 & the Horse Chestnut T11.
- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the works as listed to the Pine T4.

ADVISORY:

Suggest they re-apply for T4 and seek to reduce in length all of the lower branches in a balanced manner all a round the skirt of the tree - making all final cuts adjacent to living growth points.

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