

Recommendation Report for Works to Tree(s) on trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (**REF NO:** AW/286/14/T**LOCATION:** 56 Barrack Lane
Bognor**PROPOSAL:** Various tree surgery**SITE AND SURROUNDINGS**

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION	As above.
SITE AREA	N/A
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DENSITY (NET)	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY	Predominantly flat
TREES	The trees the subject of this application but various trees within and around the site.
BOUNDARY TREATMENT	The site is screened by close boarded fencing, mature landscaping and tree screening.
SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Two storey detached property with rough rendered walls painted pink, brown tiled roof with white window frames.
CHARACTER OF LOCALITY	Residential area comprising predominantly detached properties of various styles and designs that are set well back from the highway.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

AW/54/92/T	Felling of 1 Macracarpa, 1 Scots Pine, 1 Silver Birch and one other tree and pruning of all other trees within the site.	ApproveConditionally 08-04-1992
AW/160/95/T	Various works to trees	ApproveConditionally 24-01-1996
AW/191/00/T	Tree surgery to 23 trees	ApproveConditionally 20-10-2000
AW/4/04/T	Reduction and thinning of trees	Refused 27-02-2004
AW/241/04/T	Top one Macrocarpa, one Horse Chestnut and one Tilia by approximately one fifth,	ApproveConditionally

thinned out and shaped

22-12-2004

REPRESENTATIONS

Representations received:

Aldwick Parish Council

Members agreed that the Arun Arboriculturist is consulted regarding the application and that his recommendations/decisions is applied.

Comments on Representations received:

Parish Council comments noted

See Tree Officer's recommendation.

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Tree Officer

T1 Species: Apple malus spp Height: 7 metres Average Crown Spread: 2 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: semi mature

T2 Species: Black Plum Prunus nigra Height: 9 metres Average Crown Spread: 3.5 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: mature

T3 Species: Cherry Prunus spp (application has stated it was a Malus spp) Height: 7 meters Average Crown Spread: 3 metres Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: mature

T4 Species: Monterey cypress Cupressus macrocarpa Height: 14 metres Average Crown Spread: 8 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: maturing

T5 Species: Black Plum Prunus nigra Height: 11 metres Average Crown Spread: 3 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: mature

T6 Species: Bay Laurus nobilis Height: 8 metres Average Crown Spread: 3 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: mature

T7 Species: Horse Chestnut Aesculus hippocastanum Height: 11 metres Average Crown Spread: 2.5 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: semi mature

T8 Species: Cherry prunus spp Height: 9 metres Average Crown Spread: 2.5 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: semi mature

T9 Species: Maple Acer spp Height: 10 metres Average Crown Spread: 2.5 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: semi mature

T10 Species: Goat Willow Salix caprea Height: 9 metres Average Crown Spread: 3 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: mature

T11 Species: Robinia spp Height: 15 metres Average Crown Spread: 4 meters Crown

Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: mature

T12-17 Species: Cherry Prunus spp Height: 8 metres (average) Average Crown Spread: 2 meters (average) Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: semi mature

T18 Species: Oak Quercus spp Height: 14 metres Average Crown Spread: 5 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: semi mature

T19 Species: Monterey cypress Cupressus macrocarpa Height: 14 metres Average Crown Spread: 4 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: semi mature

T20-22 Species: Birch Betulus spp Height: 8 metres (average) Average Crown Spread: 2 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: mature

T23 Species: Maple Acer spp Height: 13 metres Average Crown Spread: meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: semi mature

T24 Species: Lombardy Poplar Populus nigra Height: 23 metres Average Crown Spread: 3.5 meters Crown Condition: fair Form: fair Age Class: mature

The outlined trees in this application are situated in the in the high amenity area of Aldwick. The surrounding landscape of this private estate has a rich mix of trees of varying age classes and of a differing species mix. The trees cited are located in the grounds of 56 Barrack Lane.

All the trees outlined on this application have had previous reductions of vertical and lateral spread. As this pruning operation has been instigated, there would be an onus to continue this operation to avoid the increased risk of failures occurring in the regrowth areas.

Tree Work Schedule:

T1 - 1 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T2- 1.5 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T3 - 1 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T4 - 2 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T5 - 2 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T6 - 2 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T7 - 3 metre 're-pollard' - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T8 - 2 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T9 - 3 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T10 - 2 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T11 - 3 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T12 - T17 - 2 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T18 - 2 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T19 - 3 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T20 - T22 - 2 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T23 - 3 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points
T24 - 4 metre reduction - ok as pruning is back to previous pruning points

As these works are to continue an established regime of management, I would have no objection to the proposed operation if the following conditions are followed:

Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

Crown Clean

The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight' and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

Crown Lift

Branches found within the clearance height having diameters greater than 100mm should be shortened and no more than 15% of the leaf bearing growth of that branch should be removed to facilitate the unobstructed free passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

Comments on Consultation responses:

Tree Officer comments noted

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Built Up Area Boundary
Tree Preservation Order
Class C Road
No Public Sewer

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003:

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under References ID 36-090-20140306 and ID36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The trees the subject of this application are sited in the front and rear garden and are of public visual amenity value.

A tree schedule has been submitted with the application which details the work to be carried out to the individual trees. The trees have previously been reduced at various times and the works proposed are to prune back to the previous pruning points.

The Tree Officer has inspected the trees and has raised no objection to the proposed works subject to conditions.

It is therefore recommended to approve the application subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The works hereby approved shall be carried out as per the submitted Tree Work Schedule (T1,T2,T3,T4,T5,T6,T7,T8,T9,T10,T11,T12-T17,T18,T19,T20-T22,T23 and T24) in accordance with the following conditions:

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Crown Clean

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Crown Lift

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

- 2 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

- 3 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of

trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

- 4 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

- 5 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.