

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/287/14/TC

ADDRESS: 237 Manor Way Aldwick PO21 4HT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce 1 No Oak Tree by 1m all round and reduce 4 No Birch Trees by 1.5m in height within the Aldwick Bay Conservation Area

INSPECTION DATE: 26/11/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☒

Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☐

Suggested Conditions ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Species: Oak *Quercus spp* **Height:** 10 meters **Average Crown Spread:** 4 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** Juvenile

Species: 4 x Birch *betulus spp* **Height:** 12 meters (average) **Average Crown Spread:** 3 meters (average) **Crown Condition:** good **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

Comments:

- The outlined trees in this application are situated in the in the high amenity area of Aldwick bay Estate. 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 front and back garden of 237 Manor way.
- The trees in this application are in a conservation area and not TPO'ed. This report will be to determine if TPO status is required for the benefit of the given individual.
- The single oak (situated in the front garden of the outlined property) has clearly had a heavy reduction historically (this can be seen in the crown structure). The proposed operation will see a 1 meter reduction of this regrowth, which itself is currently 3 meters of lateral extension. As this operation is likely to increase the retention span of the given tree (as the old pruning unions are more likely to experience failures if the regrowth is left unchecked) it would be unsuitable to seek a TPO order.

- As for the 4 birch trees located in the rear garden of this property, it is apparent these individuals have been regularly pruned to the established height that has been applied for in this application. (this can be determined as the size of the limbs below the established pruning point are large, compared to the 1.5 meters of small diameter regrowth that is above the established pruning points. As this operation is likely to reduce the chance of failures occurring at the pruning points (and leaving open wounding) I would not see it necessary to seek a TPO order.

Recommendation:

- **I would therefore have no objection to the proposed operations**, as they are likely to be beneficial to the overall health and vitality of the given individuals. Moreover the proposed operations would not indicate these individuals would require a TPO order to force conditions upon the applicant.

**Dafydd Lloyd
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