

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/288/14/T

ADDRESS: 8 A'Becket's Avenue Aldwick PO21 4LX

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce 1 No Purple Plum tree by 1m in height & reduce 2 No Sorbus trees by 2m in height to previous pruning points.

INSPECTION DATE: 26/11/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☒

Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☒

Suggested Conditions ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Species: Plum *prunus* spp **Height:** 6 meters **Average Crown Spread:** 2 meters
Crown Condition: fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

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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 garden of 8 Trump lodge, A'Beckets Avenue.
- The outlined trees have clearly had historical height reductions, which have clearly responded positively to this type of management. This process has clearly been repeated, as the stem size is large in relation to the regrowth.
- The proposed operation has outlined the desire to reduce the height of the outlined trees to the established pruning points. This does mean the outlined operation will equate to the removal of the regrowth that has emerged since the last reduction.

Recommendation:

- **It would be my recommendation that this operation should be allowed to take place**, as this operation is likely to increase the retention span of the outlined trees. Also as this management has already been instigated, best practise would dictate the continuation of this type of pruning operation.
- This operation should also follow the below condition;

Conditions:**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.

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

**Dafydd Lloyd
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