

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: **AW/288/20/T**

Location: **29 Fish Lane, Aldwick, PO21 3AH**

Description of works: **Crown reduction of 1No. oak tree to height 12m and spread 10m and 1No. sweet chestnut tree to height 8m and spread 6.5m**

Reasons given: Low growth beginning to obstruct carriageway and driveway

Comments on Application:

Ta Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Early mature
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Tb Sweet chestnut / <i>Castanea sativa</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Early mature
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- Outwardly and from distance both trees appear generally stable and in fair physiological condition at this time. They are prominent at the front of the property and so visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).
- They have previously been the subject of whole crown reduction pruning and on several occasions such that they have developed a dense and compact form.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of these trees, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for their location.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce the trees overall height and spread with a view to restricting their growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Part b) Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.
- Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

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

- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

