

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: AW/295/17/T

Location : 2 Lichfield Gardens, Aldwick

Description of works: Crown reduction by 4m of 1 No Weeping Willow.

Applicants Reasons To match the tree beside it which was pruned within the past year.

Comments On Application:

Weeping Willow *Salix babylonica* Height: 8m AvgeSprd: 4m Age: Early Mature

- Situated in the grass verge beside No 2.
- Sound and healthy tree that is visually significant in the landscape but grows to ground level directly above a public footpath.
- Has been heavily topped out in the past as has the neighbouring tree of the same species and this work would match that of the already pruned tree which was approved.

Conclusions:

- I sympathise with the desire to see this trees growth potential controlled given the issues of overhang and proximity to the building.
- The removal of 4m will match the other tree and this tree will soon recover a full crown of regrowth.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the works as listed in this application.

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Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: AW/297/17/T

Location : 1 Waters Edge, Aldwick

Description of works: Pollard 5 No Poplars down to previous pruning points.

Applicants Reasons To control excessive growth potential

Comments On Application:

Hybrid Poplar *Populus euroamericana* Height: 7m AvgeSprd: 2m Age: Semi Mature

- Situated in the rear garden of No 1.
- Sound and healthy trees that are of poor quality and have a limited value in the landscape.
- Have been heavily topped out in the past and this will simply continue the pollarding process that has been commenced.

Conclusions:

- I sympathise with the desire to see the growth potential of these trees controlled given the issues of shading and domination that could follow if they were allowed to reach their full potential at this location.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the works as listed in this application.

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Planning Application Ref: R/220/17/T

Location : Thornton Court Guildford Road, Rustington

Description of works: Various surgery to 4 No Lime trees.

Applicants Reasons To reduce risk of damage to building and discourage access by Squirrels

Comments On Application:

Common Limes *Tilia x europaea* Height: 25m AvgeSprd: 6m Age: Mature

- Situated in the small rear garden of this property along the railway line boundary.
- There are actually 5 trees in this line and they combine crowns to effectively present as one green screen.
- All are sound and healthy and contribute significantly to the amenity of the area.
- Some branches overhang the roof line and others are not far short of the building line.
- The line of trees is positioned 7m back from the building line.

Conclusions:

- I sympathise with the desire to see the growth potential of these trees controlled.
- Cutting them all back to establish a 3m clearance from the building line is acceptable although this will not mean 3m off each branch as they all vary in radial spread so it will be between 1m & 3m.
- The removal of all epicormic growth from the trunks is also acceptable.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for the following works :-
 1. Reduce the lateral spread of the Limes in one direction ONLY i.e.to the south side (towards the building line) - by between 1m to 4m depending on the existing branch spread – to establish an even 3m clearance from the building line on completion of works.
 2. Remove all epicormic growth from the trunks.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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
- 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.

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.***

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