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Our Ref : **AW/303/18/TC**

Your Ref:

Dear Mr R Lock,

Please ask for :
Mrs C Easton
01903 737682

Crown reduction of 1.5m to 1No. Wingnut Tree. Crown reduction of 2m to 1 No. English Oak tree within the Craigwell House, Aldwick conservation area.
35 Kingsway & 70 The Drive, Aldwick, ,

I refer to your recent notification of your intention to carry out the above mentioned works and write to inform you that, after consideration of your proposal, it has been decided not to make a Tree Preservation Order in this case. You may therefore proceed with the works outlined in your notification.

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.

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. The long-term vitality of the trees is best respected when significant work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods.

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

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.

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.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NC', with a small dot to its right.

Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning