

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION

FROM: Ian Brewster TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/307/12/T

ADDRESS: 1 West Drive Aldwick PO21 4LZ

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce height by 4m to 1 No Red Oak tree

INSPECTION DATE: 21st December 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☒ No Objection ☐ Suggested Conditions ☐Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐**Comments:**

I have met with the owner and discussed the tree work. The applicant has suggested a 4m crown reduction in the application. However this is excessive as it would leave branchless stems to appear as a stumpy, lopped and unsightly structure. A lesser amount is recommended for the purpose of marginally increasing light to the property (see below). Other smaller tree were discussed with a suggestion to have them reduced. This would provide the applicant with an increase in light availability without affecting/causing undue stress by the unnecessary pruning of the mature Red Oak. I have attached a suggested method for the reduction of the Red Maple as a condition which would be acceptable, below;

Condition 1: Crown Reduction

- The reduction must not exceed maximum branch lengths of **1m**.
- All pruning cuts must leave healthy leaf bearing side branches which are **1/3rd** or greater in diameter of the removed branch.
- Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible and cut at an optimum angle leaving the branch collar intact.
- Pruning wounds of all removed live branches must not exceed **40mm** in diameter.

REASON

'In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of retaining good health and amenity in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan'.

Recommendation;

As the application stands the proposed crown reduction of 4m is unacceptable and should be refused consent.

Ian Brewster
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