

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/310/17/T

Location : 34 Pinehurst Park, Aldwick

Description of works: Reduce crown of 1 No Lombardy Poplar by 4m to 5m.

Applicants Reasons To reduce risk of windthrow and reduce shading.

Comments On Application:

Lombardy Poplar *Populus nigra 'Italica'* Height: 20m AvgeSprd: 5m Age: Early Mature

- Situated in the small rear garden of this property and dominates same.
- Sound and healthy tree that is visually significant in the landscape.
- This is the same tree as AW/301/17/T (where felling was sought) but a different applicant.

Conclusions:

- I sympathise with the desire to see this trees growth potential controlled.
- The removal of 4m to 5m of crown will reduce the risks of failure and improve light percolation without detracting from the trees amenity value or compromising its health and vitality.

Recommendations:

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

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.*

Bernie Harverson

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