

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/315/17/TC

Location: Various Locations around the Craigwell Estate, Aldwick

Description of works: Fell 1 No Maple and 1 No Cherry + various other pruning works.

Reasons Given: Good husbandry and to constrain growth habit and shading of gardens.

Comments:

T1 Dead/Dying Maple – o/s 44 Kingsway

- This tree is in a state of terminal decline and should be removed for health and safety reasons.

T2 Dead Cherry – o/s 40 Kingsway

- This tree is dead and should be removed for health and safety reasons.

T3 Magnolia & Liquidambar – either side of driveway to Brus Lodge Kingsway

- Removing four branches from each tree will crown lift them in a balanced manner and clear the obstruction to access.
- These are not large branches and this practice is common to train and shape street trees to avoid conflict with road users and pedestrians.

T4 White Poplar o/s 25 Kingsway

- Pruning off the sucker/epicormic growth from the main stem is standard practice and will not harm the tree or undermine its visual amenity value.

T5 Horse Chestnuts in verges of Queensway

- The largest tree on the corner of Queensway where it meets Kingsway is a TPO'd tree - but the works proposed to remove deadwood and dieback are permitted under the exemption clause - however live growth may not be pruned back without a formal TPO application being submitted. In this instance they only seek to remove deadwood and dieback.
- Horse Chestnut outside No 43 Queensway – the easterly growth growing towards the property is to be pruned back by 2m and there is a branch with weak union at 3m from ground on the east side of the tree which is to be reduced by 3m to 4m for safety reasons.

T6 Malus on east verge of Wychwood Close just south of the roundabout

- There is a tight fork in the main trunk which has been further weakened by high sides vehicles brushing past it so they propose to reduce the height of this tree by 2m to stabilise and make safe.

Conclusions:

- The pruning works proposed for these trees equates to good husbandry for health and safety reasons.

Recommendations:

- I raise No Objection to the works as listed and would not recommend that a TPO is made in this instance to seek to prevent or control the works.

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