

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/316/18/T**

Location: **276 Aldwick Road, Aldwick PO21 3QH**

Description of works: **Reduce selective branches by 1m on eastern side up to a height of 2m and crown thin by 10% to 1No. Magnolia tree**

Reasons given: **1. To permit unobstructed use of hard standing/driveway 2. General maintenance**

Comments on Application:

T1 Magnolia *Magnolia x soulangeana* Height: Approx. 8m Average spread: 4m Age class: Early mature

- This tree appears to be healthy and stable with an attractive crown profile.
- It has a full and relatively unmodified crown with established low limbs and branches.
- It is discreetly located within the front garden of the property, although by virtue of its size and flowering potential has significant seasonal presence, especially when regarded from its southern aspect.
- This is a fine example of its type with its most impressive aspect being visible from publicly-accessible land and the adjacent public highway (footway and carriageway), thereby providing a notable visual amenity.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain reasonable enjoyment of the garden with respect to natural tree form.
- There should be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.

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