

**ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE
CONSULTATION**

FROM: Ian Brewster TO: Janice Chapman

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/320/12/T

ADDRESS: 16 St. Richards Way Aldwick PO21 3BD

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Remove North stem of 1 no. Oak tree

INSPECTION DATE: 14th February 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☒

No Objection ☐

Suggested Conditions ☐

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☒

Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Comments:

The applicant has requested work to a mature English Oak tree located to the rear of the property. The tree is important as it can be seen above the roof top and clearly between No14 and No16 St Richards Way. There appears to be no obvious history of heavy pruning work where the natural form and crown shape of the tree has been retained.

The applicant has indicated a choice of either complete removal of one main stem or the heavy reduction by 2m of the entire crown. Both requests would adversely affect the natural appearance of the tree and is not recommended.

There is some scope however to reduce the existing crown form which would not without detracting too much from its natural appearance without producing abruptly cut ends having no substantial sized side branch growth. A lesser reduction could be achieved in sympathy with the existing shape by limiting the top reduction to 0.5m and side growth to 1.5m. Prescribing a crown clean could also help alleviate shade by shortening or removing abrading branches to reduce the leaf density for light to filter through.

The work proposed within the application is excessive and the application should be refused consent unless a lesser amount as recommended above is acceptable.

**Ian Brewster
Arboriculturist**