

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: David Eastern

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/320/14/T

ADDRESS: North East Craigweil Beds Opposite 61 Craigweil Lane Aldwick

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce canopy by 2-2.5m and reduce branches over hanging road by .5- 2.5m to 1 No Great Oak Tree (resubmission following AW/200/14/T)

INSPECTION DATE: 09/2014

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐

No Objection ☒

Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☒

Suggested Conditions ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☐

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Species: Oak *Quercus Spp* Height: 19 meters Average Branch Spread: 9 meters Crown Condition: fair to poor Form: fair to good Age Class: over mature Height to First branch: 2.5 meters

Comments:

- Trees are situated within the area of Aldwick. The surrounding landscape has a rich diversity of varying species and age classes.
- The outlined tree in this application is an over mature tree that is clearly heading into the retrenchment part of the trees lifecycle. This does mean the crown of said tree is starting the 'die-back' at the extremities of the crown. This is a natural process of the lifecycle of an over mature tree of this stature.
- The applicant has reapplied to reduce the canopy 2.5 meters. This act would mainly see the removal of the extremities of the crown of this outlined tree. As these areas are dying off, the removal is likely to reduce the risk of failures occurring in these areas of 'die-back'.

Recommendation:

- It would be my recommendation that a reduction of no more than 2.5 meters of the whole canopy, and no more than 2.5 meters over the highway (to the north).
- Also the following conditions should be followed;

Conditions:

Condition All side branches to be retained should be at least 1/3rd in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed 100mm in diameter.

REASON: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Condition

The Crown Clean should consist of deadwood and stub removal where all cuts should be made to the branch collar. Where crossing branches are encountered the weaker branch/branches should be reduced or removed to avoid contact between them. The remaining branch/branches should be shortened as appropriate to relieve 'end weight' and sudden exposure by reducing the leaf bearing branch tips by no more than 30%.

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