

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/321/18/T**

Location: **106 Barrack Lane, Aldwick PO21 4EA**

Description of works: **Reduce by 1m to old cuts 2No. oak trees and reduce by 2m to 1No. maple tree.**

Reasons Given: Increase light to property

Comments on Application:

T1, T2 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Average height: 9m	Average spread: 4m	Age class: Early mature
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T3 Field maple / <i>Acer campestre</i>	Approx. height: 5m	Average spread: 2m	Age class: Semi mature
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- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state but with heavily modified or suppressed form.
- They grow to the front of the property effectively on roadside verge and are prominent. They are highly visible from the public highway (road, footway and commercial premises).
- T1 is a low quality specimen, having been suppressed by companion trees.
- T2 and T3 have been the subject of past crown modifications resulting in relatively small and compact limb/branch framework. This work was most recently undertaken late 2015/early 2016.

Conclusions:

- T1 - Field maple is not the subject of any Order (TPO) nor does it reside within Conservation Area, therefore the consent of the local planning authority is not required before undertaking any work to this tree.
- T2 and T3 - Cyclical crown reduction work throughout the remaining life-span of these trees will be necessary to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for their location.
- T2 and T3 - There is insufficient extension of new growth (1-1.5m) since the last major pruning operation (c2015/16); so that repeat crown reduction at this time (or within the next 2years) would be too early in the management cycle and likely have a negative effect on their long-term vitality.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

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