

Recommendation Report for Prior Notification of Work to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area

REF NO: AW/322/20/TC

LOCATION: 72 The Fairway  
Aldwick  
PO21 4HE

PROPOSAL: Reduce East facing Limb of 1 No. Poplar so its final height is to be 20m and its spread is to be 15m within the Aldwick Bay Conservation area.

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| <b>SITE AND SURROUNDINGS</b> |
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| DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION | As above.                                                             |
| TREES                      | The trees outlined in this application are located at 72 The Fairway. |
| SITE CHARACTERISTICS       | Dwelling.                                                             |
| CHARACTER OF LOCALITY      | Residential.                                                          |

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| <b>RELEVANT SITE HISTORY</b> |
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| AW/21/15/TC | Reduce 18 No. Lombardy Poplar trees back to previous pruning points (approximately 6m) & reduce crown of 1 No. Silver Birch tree by 1.5m within the Aldwick Bay Conservation Area. | No Objection<br>09-03-15         |
| AW/111/08/T | Pollard seven Silver Birch trees                                                                                                                                                   | Return App - not req<br>15-05-08 |
| AW/71/94/T  | Pollard 10 No. Poplars & 6 No. Silver Birch Trees                                                                                                                                  | ApproveConditionally<br>11-08-94 |

Relevant planning history noted.

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| <b>REPRESENTATIONS</b> |
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No objection from Parish Council.  
No representation from nearby occupiers.

**COMMENTS ON REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED:**

Noted.

## CONSULTATIONS

### CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED:

I undertook a site inspection (restricted access) on December 8th 2020 and subsequent desktop review which was adequate for me to determine this application. It seems unlikely that this tree would have been established at the time the sole Tree Preservation Order affecting the plot was made (Bognor No.2 - 1958) and so I comment as if responding to a Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice: Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area.

I am satisfied that the works proposed will not result in character of the surrounding area being diminished.

I raise No Objection to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

### COMMENTS ON CONSULTATION RESPONSES:

Comments noted.

## POLICY CONTEXT

Built up area boundary.

Tree preservation order.

Conservation area.

Listed building.

### DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

### PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE:

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| NPPG | National Planning Practice Guidance |
| NPPF | National Planning Policy Framework  |

## POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under references ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

## DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity

## OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are/are no other material considerations to be weighed in the balance with the

Development Plan.

## CONCLUSIONS

Following comments from the officer it is recommended there be no objection to the works proposed.

## HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

The Council in making a decision should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as Arun District Council to act in a manner, which is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.

Consideration has been specifically given to Article 8 (right to respect private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property). It is not considered that the recommendation for approval of the grant of permission in this case interferes unreasonably with any local residents' right to respect for their private and family life and home, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general interest and the recommendation for approval is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

## DUTY UNDER THE EQUALITIES ACT 2010

Duty under the Equalities Act 2010

In assessing this proposal the following impacts have been identified upon those people with the following protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation).

The proposal would have a neutral impact on the protected characteristics.

## RECOMMENDATION

### NO OBJECTION

- 1       INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.
- 2       INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc ) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.