

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: **AW/338/20/T**

Location: **Blue Haze, 37 The Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4DT**

Description of works: **Oak (T1) - Reduce crown by up to 3m to height 12m and spread 6m due to excessive shading. Oak (T2) - Reduce crown by up to 3m to height 11m and spread 5m due to excessive shading and sever ivy.**

Reasons given: Excessive shading

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
T2 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature

- T1 – Appears to be in a fine physiological state with an attractive crown profile having grown-on well from a balanced limb framework. Last subject to crown reduction pruning c2016. A major constituent of the long-established and visually impressive oak population that is characteristic of the area. It grows from the grass verge roadside and highly visible to traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, it has high public amenity value.
- T2 – Outwardly and from distance appears to be in a fine physiological state. It has an abrupt stem truncation and reduced branch framework. It exhibits 1-1.5metres of regrowth since the last operation, c2016. It grows within the front garden of 37 The Drive and approximately 10metres distance from the south elevation of nearest dwelling (39).
- The removal of ivy can be undertaken any time and without requiring consent from the local planning authority.

Conclusions:

- There is insufficient extension of new growth since the last major pruning operations (c2016); 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.
- I do not accept that excessive shading is impacting substantially on the enjoyment of any dwelling or garden.

Recommendation:

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

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