

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/341/18/T**

Location: **202 Manor Way, Aldwick Bay Estate, Bognor Regis, PO21 4HW**

Description of works: **Crown reduction of 1.5m to 1 No. Silver Birch tree**

Reasons Given: To keep tree within current size whilst maintaining its visual amenity

Comments on Application:

Silver birch / *Betula pendula*

Height: Approx. 12m

Average spread: 5m

Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile. It has an ascending limb and branch framework with a fringe of pendulous smaller branches.
- It grows at the front of the property and can be seen clearly from neighbouring dwellings and arterial traffic route through the estate.

Conclusions:

- I am unable to concur with the reasons stated as being sufficient to justify the work now proposed. This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local street scene and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

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

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team