

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: **AW/342/20/T**

Location: **8 Arun Way, Aldwick Bay Estate, PO21 4HF**

Description of works: **Removal of dead wood from 3no silver birch (T1,T2 and T4) Removal of dead wood from 1no. oak (T3) Removal of dead wood from 2no Lombardy poplars (T6 and T7) Crown reduction of 4no purple beech (T5) to height of 17m and spread of 8m, (T9) to a height of 17m and spread of 8m, (T10) to a height of 17m and a spread of 8m, (T12) to a height of 17m and a spread of 8m Crown reduction of 2no Persian ironwood (T8) to height and spread of 4m , (T11) to a height and spread of 4m**

Reasons given: i) To maintain trees in good condition ii) Allow space between house and trees iii) Prevent overhang over road

Comments on Application:

- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require consent from the local planning authority, therefore we need not consider further, items T1 - T4 incl., T6 & T7.

T5 Beech / <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature
T8 & T11 Persian ironwood / <i>Parrotia persica</i>	Height: 5-10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature
T9 & T10 Beech / <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Height: 15-20m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
T12 Beech / <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Height: 15-20m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature

- The gardens which wrap around the house are densely populated on north and west aspects with established trees and lend an especially verdant feel to this part of the estate.
- T5 is discreetly located within the garden interior. Outwardly and from distance (roadside) it appears to be in a fine physiological state with evidence of past reduction of selected branches, presumably to restrict its influence over adjacent dwelling and garden.
- T8 & T11 are undoubtedly of visual interest and have characteristically erratic form, exacerbated by their situation beneath dominant beech (T9, T10, T12). Outwardly and from distance (roadside) they appear to be in a fine physiological state.
- T9, T10, T12 grow prominent and equidistant along the north boundary and are collectively a significant feature with landscape value. Their unmodified upper crowns and apparent good health (restricted view of stem base/ground) qualify them as trees of high amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The majority of work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- T5, T8 & T11 - While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.
- Notable exception is that proposed for T9, T10, T12. Collectively and individually these trees are a significant feature in the local landscape and assumed to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the

application would result in excessive reduction of their landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

- As it stands, I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.
- **I would like the applicant to be invited to agree to a revised proposal for lesser works** (such as described below) as part of the current application so as not to incur further delay. Such work would go some way to addressing their concerns whilst preventing a diminution of the trees (T9, T10, T12) landscape and public amenity value:
- T9, T10, T12 Replace *crown reduction* proposal with *crown lift on north aspects only to provide maximum 5metres overhead clearance above carriageway*

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- If the applicant is prepared to re-submit in line with this advice, then I would be able to recommend APPROVAL subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Part b) Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons: In the interests of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- *See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter*

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Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

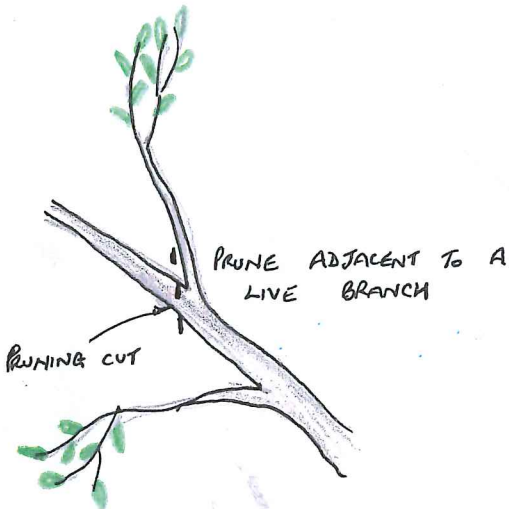
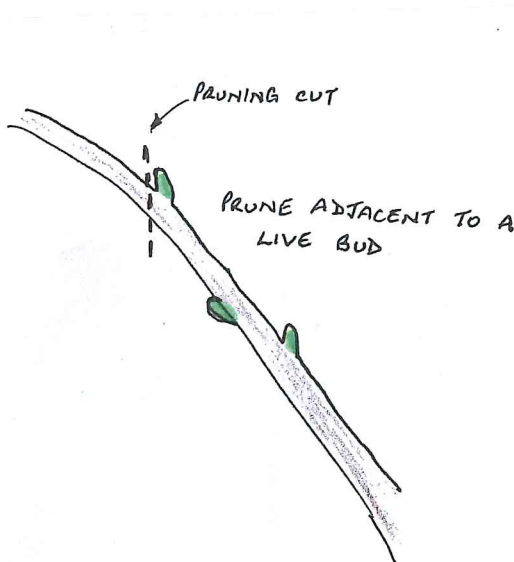
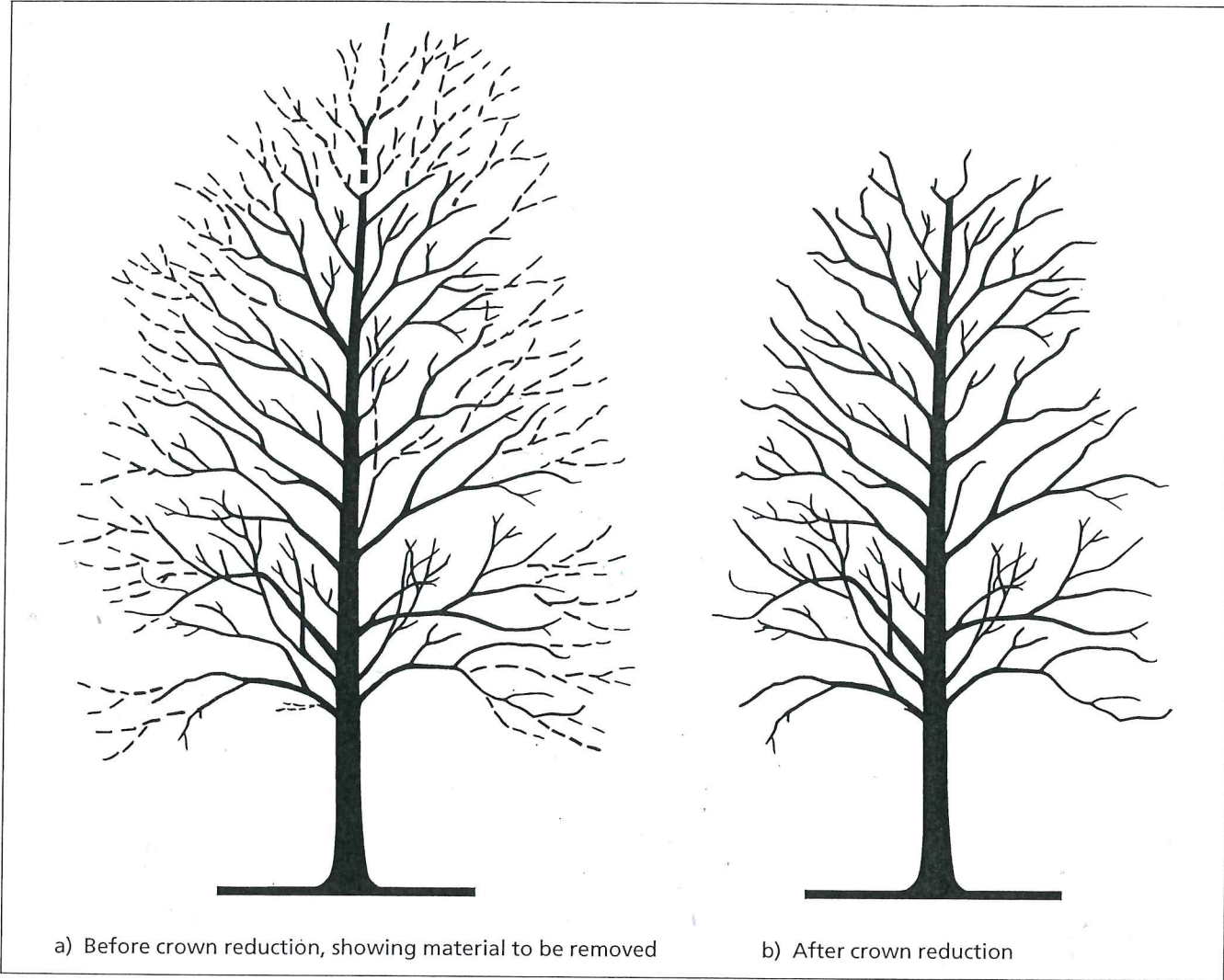


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

