

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: **AW/292/20/T**

Location: **40 Kingsway, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, PO21 4DL**

Description of works: **Proposed removal of deadwood to 1No. elder, crown raise by 0.8m on 1No. yew at rear of property and reduce the height of 1No. yew to 6m and reduce sides, reduce height on 1No. hornbeam to 7m and reduce to northern side by 2.5m, removal branches to side of 1No. oak and reduce height to 7m and crown radius by 0.5m to 1No. hawthorn in front of property**

Reasons given: 2x yew - Cyclical maintenance (repeat works) and to achieve adequate clearance of dwelling and garden

Comments on Application:

- This property lies within the Craigweil House Conservation Area and included in Area Tree Preservation Order (TPO) – Bognor No.2. I have determined the following:
 - Items 1-elder, 4-hornbeam, 6-oak and 7-hawthorn would not have been established when the Order was made (1958). As such, I regard the proposal as a Sect. 211 Notice (of intent to undertake work to trees in Conservation Area).
 - Items 2&3-yew would have been established when the Order was made. The TPO takes precedence.
- There are many trees included in this proposal. The Works Description and supporting Plan were simultaneously considered during my site assessment. The information contained therein appears accurate and I concur with the findings.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require permission.

Conclusion:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. If undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the trees long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendations:

- Items 1, 4, 6 & 7 – I register no objection to the work proposed.
- Items 2 & 3 - I recommend **CONSENT** for this element of the application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.
- Part c) Where pollarding or crown reduction pruning has occurred previously, then the removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees 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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team