

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: **AW/346/18/T**

Location: **36 Kingsway and 41 The Drive, Aldwick**

Description of works: **Crown reduction of 2 - 2.5m to 1 No. Oak tree. Crown lift of 3m to 1 No. Oak tree**

Reasons Given: 1. To maintain adequate clearance of dwelling 2. General maintenance

Comments on Application:

2x Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur*

Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance both trees appear to be in a fine physiological state.
- They grow alongside and to the rear of property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings. They are visible in part to traffic and contribute to the high canopy locally for which this area is recognised.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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
- 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.
- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation (ref.C) must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- The long-term vitality of this tree (ref.C) is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the late-spring to summer (May to August) or mid-winter (January to mid-February) periods.

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.

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Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

