

Planning Officer: Amber Willard
Planning Application Ref: AW/355/17/T
Location: 17 Craigweil Lane, Aldwick
Description of works: Crown Reduction to 1No. Blue Atlas Cedar by 1.5 metres
Reasons Given: None provided

Comments On Application:

Cedar, blue Atlas *Cedrus libani* subsp. *Atlantica* 'Glauca'. Height: Approx. 8m Average Spread: 3m Age: Semi-mature

- This tree has ornamental value, is of good-moderate form and enjoys a prominent position being visible from neighbouring properties and traffic accessing/exiting the estate.
- No reason(s) provided in support of the work proposal. I am not aware of compelling evidence or seen a justification for 'containment pruning' at this time.

Conclusions:

- This tree has high growth potential and by virtue of its close proximity to a residential dwelling it is reasonable to assume some form of crown reduction work may be necessary in the long-term.
- To initiate such work at this stage in its life without compelling reason(s) would be unnecessarily premature and limit its potential to obtain a much higher amenity value.

Recommendations:

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

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