

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/356/18/T**

Location: **Shorelines, 11 Hamilton Gardens, Aldwick, PO21 4EQ**

Description of works: **Crown reduction of 3-4 metres to 1 No. Oak tree**

Reasons Given: Growing into adjacent ornamental cedar tree

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: Approx. 15m Average spread: 6m Age class: Early mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with an attractive, balanced crown profile. It stands isolated and contributes to the high canopy locally.
- It grows at the rear of the property and can be clearly seen from neighbouring dwellings and in part from public highway. It is of sufficient distance from dwellings to be able to develop without limitation and in harmony with its surroundings.
- The applicant proposes a minimum of 3metre reduction of top height and lateral spread. If the full extent of meterage is applied on all aspects this would exceed the recommendations in British Standard 3998:2010 – Tree Work.
- There is a subordinate Atlas cedar tree in close proximity, which has predictably been suppressed on one aspect.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is severe and if enacted to the extent of 3m on all aspects would result in damaging loss of crown volume. It has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendations:

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

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