

Planning Officer : Janice Chapman

Planning Application Ref: AW/36/14/T

Location : Liberty House, 19 The Drive, Aldwick

Description of works: Reduce 1 No London Plane by 1.5m overall – T1 on plan submitted with application
Reduce height of 1 No Holm Oak by 1m and lateral spread by 0.5m – T2 on plan submitted

Applicants Reasons : T1 – to take it back to previous pruning points
T2 – no reason given

Comment On Application: This comes under the heading of repeat pruning works as both trees have been lopped and topped in this fashion in the past

London Plane / *Platanus acerifolia* Height – 7m : Avge Spread – 3.5m : Age – Early Mature

- Has been pruned on a regular basis to constrain growth habit and fit in with its environment and this is merely a repeat pruning operation.

Holm Oak / *Quercus ilex* Height – 7m : Avge Spread – 4m : Age – Early Mature

- Has been pruned on a regular basis to constrain growth habit and fit in with its environment and this is merely a repeat pruning operation.

Conclusions :

I raise no objection to the pruning of these trees as described in the application.

Recommendation:

I agree with the principle of pruning for the reasons stated in the application and recommend that it is **Approved** as follows :-

London Plane

- Reduce and reshape the crown by between 1.5 to 2m overall back to old pruning knuckles [BUT no further].

Hybrid Poplar Holm Oak

- Reduce in height by a maximum of 1m
- Reshape and shorten lateral spread by a maximum of 0.5m

Advisory Note : Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also BS3998:2010) and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

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

I also recommend that a copy of the Figure 2 diagram and pruning advice sheet are sent out with the consent letter.

Bernie Harverson

Consultant Arboriculturist

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

