

Planning Officer : Janice Chapman

Planning Application Ref: AW/38/14/T

Location : Liberty House, 19 The Drive, Aldwick

Description of works: Reduce 1 No Oak by 0.5m – T3 on plan submitted with application
Reduce height of 1 No poplar by 3m – T4 on plan submitted with application

Applicants Reasons : T3 – has grown in a very confined space between garage and footpath
T4 – to reduce exposure to winds

Comment On Application: This work comes under the heading of good husbandry and maintenance

I would comment that both tree are too young to be covered by the 1958 Area Order.

Pedunculate Oak / *Quercus robur* Height – 7m : Ave Spread – 3m irregular flattened shape : Age – Young

- 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.

Hybrid Poplar / *Populus euroamericana* Height – 7m : Ave Spread – 2.5m : Age – Young

- Appears not to have been pruned before but is potentially a very large tree and at this location will adversely impact on and compete with the Holm Oak and Plane which are the feature trees for the future.

Conclusions :

This is simply good husbandry in the interests of sound arboricultural practice so I raise no objection.

to the pruning of these trees as described in the application.

Hybrid Poplar – I raise no objection BUT in view of this trees limited value and likely adverse impact on others of greater value around it I would recommend that the applicant considers applying for complete removal [no replacement required].

Recommendation:

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

Pedunculate Oak

- Reduce and reshape the crown by 0.5m overall.

Hybrid Poplar

- Reduce and reshape the crown by 3m overall.

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.

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Consultant Arboriculturist

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

