

Planning Officer: Hannah Kersley

Planning Application Ref: AW/403/21/T

Location: The Water Tower, 16 Craigweil Manor, Aldwick PO21 4DJ

Description of works: Crown reduction of 1no. sycamore tree (T1) by approx. 1.5m - 2m back to previous pruning points

Reasons given: Excessive shading of garden

Comments on Application:

T1 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce the tree's overall height and spread with a view to restricting growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- 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.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Part a) 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

Part b) 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.

Part c) The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the summer (June to August) or mid-winter (late-December to early-February) period.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Greenspace

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

