

Planning Officer: Hannah Kersley

Planning Application Ref: AW/411/21/T

Location: Land adjacent to 11 Aldwick Place, Aldwick, PO21 4AD

Description of work: Fell 1no. scarlet oak tree (T1)

Reason given: Declining health

Comments on Application:

Oak / *Quercus* sp. (prob. *coccinea* or *rubra*) Height: 10-15m, Radial spread: 5-10m, Age class: Mature

- The applicant/agent has not provided a detailed report in support of the proposal, which is required where condition of the tree is a reason given.
- Without the benefit of a 'in leaf' crown assessment it is difficult to adequately determine physiological state at this time. Outwardly appears to be stable and exhibits the moderate shoot extension and crown density/form expected for its type at such an exposed coastal location.
- There are notable areas of bark death/detachment on the main stem and evidence of both past (dried black crust) and recent bleeding; symptoms that usually betray the presence of a pathogen.
- It grows at the front of the property and is prominent, highly visible from numerous dwellings and to traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, it has public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression.
- The applicant has not submitted the required written evidence or diagnostic information from an arboriculturist or other appropriate expert, in support of the reason given for the proposed work.

Recommendation:

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Greenspace