

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:

Scarlet oak / *Quercus coccinea* Height: 10-15m, Radial spread: 5-10m, Age class: Mature

- The applicant/agent has employed Beechdown Arboriculture Ltd. to assess the tree and provide a report on its condition. This is comprehensive and I concur with the observations and recommendations therein.
- 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:

- The proposal has been justified on arboricultural grounds. The tree is likely to be in terminal decline and continue to diminish in the landscape.
- A suitable replacement can be conditioned to ensure future visual interest as compensation for the loss of such a prominent and large tree.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Once the tree has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 5metres.

This is to be of Selected Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the oak tree.

The species shall be selected from the following: -

Wild service *Sorbus torminalis*

Italian alder *Alnus cordata*

Swedish whitebeam *Sorbus intermedia*

Honey locust *Gleditsia triacanthos*

Hop hornbeam *Ostrya carpinifolia*

Stone pine *Pinus pinea*

- **Reasons:** To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Greenspace