

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: AW/416/21/T
Location: 79 The Fairway, Aldwick, PO21 4HE
Proposal: 1no. *Eucalyptus* tree - crown reduction back to previous pruning points to leave a height of 12m and spread 10m.
Reason given: To maintain pruning cycle

Comments on Application:

T136 *Eucalyptus* sp. Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. It has been the subject of several crown modifications resulting in a dense, compact form.
- It grows from verge to the front of the property and is prominent roadside. As such, it has public amenity value.
- 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.
- Whilst not explicitly stated in the application it is assumed all low-level epicormic growth (small diameter shoots from dormant buds) will be removed at the same time.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted 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 interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

Advisory:

- Although Eucalyptus may respond with vigour to hard pruning (as proposed) they have a poor tolerance of such work and long-term vitality can be severely affected. The optimum time to prune is during the late spring to summer period (May to August).

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Tree Officer / Greenspace

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

