

Planning Officer: Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: AW/43/18/OUT

Location: 261 Aldwick Road, Aldwick

Description of works: Outline application with some matter reserved for the demolition of existing dwelling & erection of two pairs of semi-detached houses & associated works.

Comments On Application:

- There are substantial existing mature (probably TPO'd) trees positioned off site to the west of the application site – large Turkey Oak and an Ash & Beech tree in the grounds of Malmayne Court.
- mature Poplar in the rear garden of the property abutting to the south.
- Despite this there is no arboricultural information submitted in support of this application and the trees are not plotted on any plans or referred to at all in any text.

Conclusions:

- The proposals will in my opinion be harmful to the vigour and vitality of trees of significance and value in the landscape – possibly resulting in their subsequent instability or demise.

Recommendations:

- As things stand and in the absence of any supporting arboricultural information and the perceived significant threat to their future even if one had been submitted I would have to register an **OBJECTION** to this scheme.
- **IF** these tree are not already TPO'd then they should be and I would be prepared to fill out TEMPO's if necessary to support the imposition of same to afford these trees full protection.

ADVISORY:

- The applicants will need to employ the services of an Arboricultural Consultant to carry out a tree survey exercise and then prepare an **Arboricultural Impact Assessment** to support this Outline Application inclusive of a Tree Survey Schedule a Root Protection Area Schedule and a **Tree Constraints Plan** with the trees accurately plotted on same.
- In the event that RPA of any tree which is proposed for retention overlaps the development then BS5837:2012 requires that the Detailed Planning Application is accompanied by an **Arboricultural Method Statement Report** including a Tree Retentions & Removals Plan and also most importantly a **Tree Protection Plan** – to both describe and illustrate the mitigation measures which are to be employed to ensure that the trees survive without detriment to their vigour and vitality and are given adequate protection both above and below ground.



Consultant Arboriculturist