

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/47/17/T

Location: 19 Leecroft, Aldwick

Description of works: Crown reduction of 4 No Beech trees by 5m

Reasons Given: Improve light and sun percolation to the property and abate a nuisance

Comments:

Beech *Fagus sylvatica* Height: 10m Avge Spread: 3m Age: Semi-Mature

- These trees have previously been heavily topped out to keep them as a high hedge but have not been pruned for some time now.
- The trees are healthy and vigorous and have significant growth potential.
- It would not be appropriate - given their location in a tight space between buildings - to let these trees achieve any greater proportions for fear that damage will ensue.

Conclusions:

- Had these been individual mature trees in an open space then I could not have supported such a heavy lopping exercise.
- However, given that this is in essence an overgrown hedge I think it is important to prune them heavily now to constrain their growth potential.

Recommendations:

I recommend **APPROVAL** for the 5m height reduction on these trees.

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