

**Case Officer:** Hannah Kersley  
**Reference:** AW/52/22/T  
**Location:** 70 The Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4DS  
**Proposal:** Various works to 2no. oak trees  
**Reasons given:** To remove damaged crown material and ensure adequate clearance from dwelling and above driveway

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**Comments on Application:**

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| <b>T1 Pedunculate oak</b> / <i>Quercus robur</i> | Height: 10-15m | Radial spread: 5-10m | Age class: Mature |
| <b>T2 Pedunculate oak</b> / <i>Quercus robur</i> | Height: 5-10m  | Radial spread: 0-5m  | Age class: Mature |

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
- Historic crown reduction pruning (abrupt truncation of scaffold limbs) has left T2 especially with erratic form although both appear generally stable, free from obvious structural defect and in fair physiological condition at this time.
- They are prominent at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to users of the estate roads. As such, they have public amenity value.

**Conclusions:**

- The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds and will incur no loss of amenity.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require consent from the local planning authority.

**Recommendation:**

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

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.

**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***

Mark Warwick  
Tree Officer / Greenspace

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

