

Planning Officer : Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: AW/68/14/TC

Location : 70 The Fairway, Aldwick Estate, Bognor

Description of works: Pollard 2 x Hybrid Black Poplars reducing them by 4m to 5m overall

Applicants Reasons The neighbour complains of branches dropping into his garden

Comment On Notification:

Hybrid Black Poplars (x 2) *Populus x euroamericana* Height = 18m Avge spread = 6m to 7m Age = Early Mature

- I am very confused by this one as I have previously been asked by Joe Russell Wells in Parks to review these trees for potential TPO application in view of the fact that they are NOT within the Conservation Area and may be under threat of removal.
- However, as this has been registered as a CA notification that is how I propose to deal with it.

Conclusions:

These are significant and imposing trees in the landscape which have a merit and would qualify as being suitable candidates for a TPO under the TEMPO scoring system.

Notwithstanding this - reduction and reshaping by 5m overall will not spoil their visual amenity value and there is still an opportunity to apply a TPO at a later date should this be deemed appropriate.

Recommendation:

I raise **No Objection** to the proposed reduction of these trees by 5m but would advise that the following advice is sent out with the consent letter.

Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also 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.



Consultant Arboriculturist