

Planning Officer : Simon Davis

Planning Application Ref: AW/76/14/TC

Location : Verge outside 79 The Fairway, Aldwick Bay Estate

Description of works: Reduce 1 No Eucalyptus tree by 2m to previous topping out points

Applicants Reasons : Tree has become too large for its location

Comments On Application:

Gum Tree - *Eucalyptus spp.* Height – 10m : Avge Spread – 5m : Age – Semi-mature

- This tree has already been heavy lopped in the past and the current crown is made up entirely of regrowth from the old pruning points.
- The prevailing winds have created an imbalance and the crown is weighted to the north side over the adjacent garden causing shading issues
- This is a repeat pruning exercise that is standard practice once a tree has been as heavily topped out as this one has been in the past.

Conclusions & Recommendation :

Gum Tree – I raise no objection to the pruning of this tree as described in the notification and would see no reason to apply a TPO to control same.

Advisory :

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.

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