

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/76/18/T

Location: Verge outside 8 Arun Way, Aldwick Bay Estate

Description of works: Fell 1No. Crab Apple tree and replant with suitable replacement

Reasons Given: Growing at a heavy lean. Has very little amenity value

Comments on Application:

Crab apple *Malus sp.* Height: Approx. 6m Average Spread: 2.5m Age: Early mature

- This tree was presumably planted to provide an ornamental feature at the gateway. Growing alongside and to the North aspect of adjacent maturing beech; it has struggled to form an attractive shape and uniform branch structure.
- It has an acute lean from searching out adequate light and is suppressed beyond the point at which remedial pruning can achieve a satisfactory outcome.
- Visible from adjacent properties and to traffic accessing the estate.

Conclusions:

- A small-medium sized tree of limited ornamental value and in the wrong location to achieve anywhere near its full potential.
- Its removal would enhance the view of a fine linear group of maturing purple-leaved beech trees that dominate the streetscene at this locality; therefore not incurring a notable loss of public amenity.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team