

**ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE CONSULTATION**

FROM: Ian Brewster TO: Katherine Rawlins

PLANNING APPLICATION: AW/79/12/T

ADDRESS: 10 Old Place Aldwick PO21 3AW

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce height and canopy of 1 Walnut Tree. Crown reduction by 2-3 metres, 20% reduction of branches.

INSPECTION DATE: 18th May 2012

## RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Suggested Conditions ☒Comment ☒ Recommendation ☐ Abate a Nuisance ☐Tree Replacement ☐ Dead/Dangerous ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐**Comments:**

I have visited the site and have identified the Walnut tree. This tree has a pruning history where low braches have been removed to 5m and lateral branch growths of approximately 2m on the house side have been cut back. The tree is mature and was once a larger tree though due to past pruning its size has been reduced. The crown appears irregular and misshapen. The proposed 2-3m/20% crown reduction may not be necessary for the whole tree. A sympathetic crown reduction would restore an irregular crown to one which has a flowing and compact outline to provide visual benefit whilst restricting wound sizes. A suggested Condition for pruning has been provided below;

**Condition, crown reduction:**

The crown reduction from the property must not exceed branch lengths to be removed in one operation of **2m**. The remaining crown parts that show protrusion beyond a natural outline to not exceed branch length lengths of **0-2m**.

The pruning cuts to leave healthy substantial leaf bearing side branches. All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3<sup>rd</sup>** in diameter of the removed branch.

Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **50mm** in diameter.

**Condition, crown lift:**

The crown of the tree will be pruned to provide a vertical clearance above ground level of **4m**.

Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **50mm** in diameter.

**REASON**

'In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of retaining good health and amenity in accordance with policy GEN7 of the Arun District Local Plan'.

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