

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/80/18/T

Location: 31 Chawkmare Coppice, Aldwick

Description of works: Reduce entire canopy all over by 2 to 2.5 meters to 1No. Mature Ash. Remove deadwood and thin inner canopy by no more than 15%

Reasons Given: Works due to major cavity in main trunk

Comments on Application:

Ash *Fraxinus excelsior* Height: Approx. 18m Average Spread: 6m Age: Mature

- The applicant has employed the Arun Tree Company Ltd to assess the tree and provide a report on its condition. This is comprehensive and recommends a balanced set of work proposals to manage the tree in an appropriate state for its location.
- It appears to be in a fine physiological state. A number of structural defects have been identified. It grows to the rear of the property and can be seen from a few adjacent properties and the public highway.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is necessary to mitigate risk of structural failure and so justified on arboricultural grounds.
- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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
- 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 tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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