

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/82/17/TC

Location : 86 The Fairway, Aldwick

Description of works: Fell 1 No. Eucalyptus

Applicants Reasons Non native tree getting too large for a small rear garden

Comments On Application:

Eucalyptus *Eucalyptus gunnii* Height = 15m Avge spread = 5m Age = Semi Mature

- This tree is visually significant in the Conservation Area but is of a species that is non-native and is a very fast grower in this country often causing problems as it matures.
- I can quite see how this tree is only young but already dominating the rear garden area.
- Pruning would be an option but as the live growth tends to be only produced at the branch tips the resulting tree will look like a 'hat stand' and this will undermine its amenity value.

Conclusions:

- I agree that the most effective solution for controlling this tree's growth habit is to remove it and start again with a smaller growing species that will not dominate the garden.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** to the removal of this tree and would not in this instance seek to control such work in a Conservation Area by the making of a Tree Preservation Order.

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