

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: AW/83/17/T

Location : 5 The Hopgarton, Aldwick

Description of works: 2m crown reduction to 1 No Blue Cedar

Applicants Reasons To tidy in view of location directly in front of house.

Comments On Application:

T1 Blue Cedar *Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca'* Height = 8m Avge spread = 4m Age = Early Mature

- This tree is outwardly sound and healthy and highly significant in the landscape.
- However, its close proximity to the front of the house means that as it grows it is bound to come into conflict with same and require pruning to control growth habit.

Conclusions:

- I agree that some minor pruning works will tidy and improve this trees form and contain its growth habit in harmony with its surroundings but find that 2m is excessive and would be contrary to BS3998 recommendations and be harmful to both the ongoing vigour and vitality of the tree as well as undermining its visual amenity value.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **REFUSAL** to the pruning of this tree as requested.

ADVISORY:

- I suggest that the applicant re-submits seeking overall height and lateral spread crown reduction by a maximum of 1m with no cuts over 60mm diameter being made and all final cuts made in accordance with BS3998 guidelines adjacent to a living bud or lateral branch.

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