

Planning Officer: Zac Denton
Planning Application Ref: AW/84/18/T
Location: 33 Grange Court, Aldwick
Description of works: Re-pollard 1No. Golden Weeping Willow tree by 3metres, back to previous points
Reason Given: None provided
Comments on Application:

Golden weeping willow *Salix x sepulcralis* var *Chrysocoma* Height: Approx. 10m Average spread: 5m Age: Early-mature

- This tree appears to be in good physiological condition. It has been subject to heavy crown reduction work previously and has responded with vigour; typical for a healthy example of its type and age.
- This tree is visible from surrounding properties and occupies a prominent central position to the front of this property.

Conclusion:

- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining life-span of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then repeat crown reduction is unlikely to have an adverse effect on its long-term vitality.

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods.

Recommendations:

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

Condition - The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

Reason - In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery, in the interests of tree health and long-term vitality.

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