

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: AW/90/22/T
Location: 2 Aldwick Avenue, Aldwick, PO21 3AQ
Proposal: Crown reduction to reduce the height of 1 no sycamore tree (T-262) to be approximately 7.5m and the spread of the tree to be approximately 4.5m
Reasons given: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from roadside this tree appears to be healthy and stable with an attractive crown profile despite being multi-stemmed and the subject of past reduction pruning, last undertaken c2018 and showing 1-2metres growth from established knuckles.
- It can be seen from neighbouring dwellings and by traffic accessing/exiting the estate.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

- The proposal to reduce crown height and spread to restrict its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- 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.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Part a) 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

Part b) 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.

Part c) 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.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter***

Advisory:

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

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Tree Officer / Neighbourhood Services

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

